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Helm's 1880 History

The Year Settlers moved into the Township

Names	Date of settlement	Business
Andrews, T. M.	1839 New York	Farmer
Ballou, J. E.	1845 Indiana	Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Liquors and Cigars
Bacon, F. B.	1851 Indiana	Dealer in Drugs and Medicines. Physicians Prescriptions carefully compounded.
Burke, Elbridge	1834 New York	Farmer
Baltz, Alexander	1863 Penn	Farmer
Bowser, George	1837 Penn	Farmer
Bowser, Henry J.	1835 Penn	Farmer
Blake, Charles F.	1846 Germany	Farmer
Carroll, Thomas	1849 Indiana	Farmer
Cooper, William	1844 New York	Farmer and Stock Raiser
Crawford, John W.	1850 Ohio	Farmer
Dunten, G.W.	1833 New York	Farmer and Stock Raiser
Dunten, H.E.	1833 New York	Farmer
Farrand, R. S.	1845 New York	Postmaster and General Collections

Filsimons, N.	1866 Penn	Farmer
Flemming, J.W.	1837 W. Virginia	Farmer
Frederick, Samuel	1849 Penn	Farmer and Mechanic
Greenwell, E.	1851 Indiana	Physician and Surgeon
Glazier, Nathan C.	1855 Oho	Blacksmith
Gloyd, J. D.	1841 Indiana	Proprietor Cedar Creek Mills, Trustee and Farmer
Garman, Benj.	1870 Ohio	Farmer Stock Raiser
Griffen, Alanson	1864 New York	Farmer Mechanic
Gloyd, Lewis	1843Indiana	Farmer Stock Raiser
Hunter, W. T.	1837 England	Retired Farmer
Hunter, J. T.	1837 Michigan	Breeder Poland China Pigs, Farmer
Hunter, J. C.	1846 Indiana	Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats,Caps, Drugs, Oils, and Paints
Hippenhamer, J.	1853 Penn	Retired Farmer
Hunter, W. S.	1840 Indiana	Farmer
Hatch, N. V.	1833 New York	Farmer
Hippenhamer, J. W.	1853 Penn	Teacher

Hillegass, Jacob	**1843 Ohio**	**Farmer Stock Raiser**
Hillegass, H.	**1847 Indiana**	**Farmer**
Hensinger,H.	**1854 Penn**	**Farmer Mechanic**
Hunter, L. C.	**1852 Indiana**	**Depot Agent and Operator**
Jackson, P. W.	**1839 Maine**	**Farmer**
Joly, Francis	**1854 France**	**Farmer**
Kitchum, A. I.	**1849 New York**	**Farmer and Shoemaker**
Kell, Solomon	**1844 Ohio**	**Farmer**
Malcolm, John	**1860 Canada**	**Carpenter Builder**
Myers, Nathan	**1854 Penn**	**Farmer Mechanic**
Myers, Solomon	**1849 Penn**	**Farmer Mechanic**
McCombs, James	**1852 Ireland**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**
McQuisiton, David	**1837 Penn**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**
Mommer, A.	**1852 Germany**	**Farmer**
Mommer, Joseph	**1852 Germany**	**Farmer**
Parker, Danford	**1834 New York**	**Farmer and Blacksmith**
Parker, Omri	**1834 New York**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**
Roy, Florentin	**1846 France**	**Proprietor Cider Press and Farmer**
Sturgis, L.T.	**1848 Indiana**	**Druggist**
Simon, Solomon	**1836 Ohio**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**
Surface, John	**1850 Indiana**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**

Scomp, David	**1851 New Jersey**	**Retired Farmer**
Surface, A.	**1850 Indiana**	**Farmer**
Tucker, Thomas	**1841 W. Virginia**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser, ex-Trustee**
Urbine, John B.	**1834 France**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**
Warcup, George	**1846 Indiana**	**Farmer**
Warcup, John	**1839 England**	**Retired Farmer**
Wilkinson, Thomas	**1850 W. Virginia**	**Farmer**
Warner, Samuel	**1842 Penn**	**Farmer Mechanic**
Warner, Joseph	**1842 Penn**	**Farmer Mechanic**
Wyatt, James	**1834 Ohio**	**Farmer and Stock Raiser**

Additional Facts About St. Vincent's and People
Chapter XIII

Part I
European Backgrounds: The Wave of French Immigrants to Allen County (1830-1850)

Jennifer Beatty author

Beginning in the early 1830's, a new wave of French-speaking immigrants began settling in the outlying regions of Allen County, including Washington Township. Unlike the earlier group from Quebec and Detroit, who had come to the region for the fur trade, these new French originated in the Franche-Comte' region of eastern France primarily in the departments of Doubs and Haute Saone. They were attracted by the inexpensive land and thechance at finding greater political and economic freedom. They may have chosen northern Indiana because of the earlier French and Jesuit influence, but the two groups were culturally and economically distinct from each other, with the newcomers displaying much more interest in farming and settling down that the former.

Franche-Comte', or "free-county," formerly the duchy of Burgundy, was situated on the Swiss border. It was rugged, mountainous region with long periods of drought in both summer and winter. There, in the early 1800's, most of the peasant inhabitants farmed small patches of land and tended vineyards. For centuries, their lives had centered around the rhythm of three major harvests: hay, grain, and grapes. Hay was harvested in late June, wheat in August, and grapes in September. The grapes were processed into red wine. They also subsisted on potatoes and raised some livestock, the milk from which was used to make Gruyere cheese. Houses were typically clustered around fountains and fell into one of three architectural types----plateau, vineyard, and

mountain----depending on the region of Franche-Comte." The first two types were constructed out of thick stone, often several stories,, with small windows; the third type had a first story of stone, with the upper stories of wood, often with an attacked barn. 2

Life in Franche-Comte' had not always been peaceful or pastoral. A complex set of political, social, and economic conditions in France over the span of fifty years had led many in the area to seek a new life in America. It began with the French Revolution in 1789, when the nobility and landlords were dispossessed of their feudal estates, and Catholic clergy, perceived by the new government as symbols of the old order, were persecuted, imprisoned, and even executed. Some of the clergy were fortunate to escape the guillotine with the help of sympathetic peasants, who smuggled them across the border into Switzerland.3 Others escaped to America, notable among whom were Fathers Stephen Badin and Joseph Flaget, both of whom arrived in America in 1792 and were pioneer missionaries in the old Northwest Territory, which included Allen County. (See Chapter 1.)

The rise of Napoleon in 1800 brought much despised conscription into the French army, and many families in Doubs and Haute Saone, as elsewhere in France, contributed members to the emperor's wars in Eqypt and in Germany. Thousands died in the ensuing bloodshed and in the disastrous retreat from Moscow. Eastern France was also the scene of fierce fighting between French, British, and German forces, and by 1815, many in the region were weary of war and conquest.

The defeat at Waterloo of Napoleon's army led to a return to the monarchy and a new wave of political corruption and instability. Social unrest remained widespread in the countryside, and by 1830 this discontent had fermented a second revolution and

the rise of Louis-Phillippe, the citizen king. Louis-Phillippe restored order to government, but the country, the revolutionary ideas of "liberte, equalite, and fraternite" continued to smolder. The problems were worsened by a serious outbreak of cholera in 1831 and an influenza epidemic, which lasted until 1833. Many country dwellers died, while others lost their farms and were reduced to begging. By 1835 thousands chose to emigrate to America in search of an improved standard of living and an opportunity to own land.

The new wave of French immigration in Allen County began with a trickle of early settlers in the 1830s. Among the first were Bernard Poirson and Jaccques-Francois Belot. Poirson, who was born in the department of Doubs in 1780, arrived in New York City with his wife Cecelia and their children in 1832. After reaching Allen County the same year, he purchased land in Section 15 in Washington Township and aconstructed a log house on the Lima Road. When the road was paved with planks in 1839, he decided to open a tavern, the first in the township, at about the same time. Jacques Francois Belot, born in 1809 at Chaux, Haute-Rhin, arrived in New York City in 1829 at the age of twenty years, and eventually made his way to Perry Township where he cleared land for a farm.

Another influential early French pioneer was Isidore Pichon, who settled with his sons Alexandre and Claude and daughter Jeanne Ursula in the spring of 1834. Pichon was born in Faimbe, near Besancon, in the department of Doubs, France, on November 4, 1779. A conscript in Napoleon's army, he was one of the few to survive the march to Moscow in 1814. After the deaths of his two wives, he made the decision to emigrate, sailing from LeHavre to New York City in April, 1834. The family then traveled via the Erie Canal to Lake Erie, went to Toledo, Ohio, and then down the St. Joseph River on an open boat to Allen County. (Other reports indicated they traveled from Toledo to

Fort Wayne by way of the Maumee River.) They reached their destination in May, but having no cabin, they spent their few last nights in the open air. Pichon acquired 160 acres in the southeast quarter of Section One in Washington Township, and with his two sons, cleared land for a small farm near the present-day intersection of Auburn and Wallen Roads.

After Pichon's initial settlement, a steady stream of French from the vicinities of Besancon and Courchaton began settling iin Washington and neighboring St. Joseph, Lake, and Perry Townships over the next fifteen years. In many cases, the families were distantly related, and they transplanted in their new homes the same complex social and kinship network they had known in their native French villages.

Francois-Gabriel Bercot, a carpenter and saloon keeper from Lile Sur in Doubs, arrived with his wife Virginie and sons Claude and Francois in 1834, and built a log cabin which stood for many years on the Auburn Road. The brother Joseph and Nicholas Urbain (Urbine), natives of Toul in the canton of Meurthe-et-Moselle, arrived in New York in 1832 and settled in Washington Township with their large families. Jean-Claude Grosjean, born in 1785 in the Department of Oddeon, arrived with his wife Marie and their sons Jean-Baptise and Clauede-Francois in 1834. Jean-Baptiste Grosjean later married MaryPoirson and worked on the Wabash-Erie canal.

Another arrival in the same year was Joseph Pepe born in Besancon, France, in 1789. He came with his wife Josepphine and sons Ferdinand and Louis, and they cleared land in Washingtonn Township where a third son, Daniel, would become a blacksmith. Jean-Creancier and wife Adelaide arrived in 1835 and settled in St. Joseph Township. Joseph Grivet and wife Josephe Adelene Lobard sailed to New Orleans in 1837, then traveled up the Missippi to Illinois, and then journeyed across Indiana to Perry

Township where they purchased land. Celestin Bernardin and wife Auguste arrived from France in 1840, as did Jean-Pierre Dupont, a native of Courchaton, who settled in Perry Township. Germain Bobay an wife Pauline arrived in 1840 and established their farm in Washington Township. A broyher Nicholas Bobay arrived in 1847.

As the French settlement in northern Allen County became more established, the number of new immigrants continued to grow. Immigration was more intensive in the years between 1842 and 1850, when France was devastated by a series of crop failures and a European-wide potato famine. The failure of Louis-Phillippe's government and the repetition of former revolutionary demands among the peasantry and city laborers led to a third French Revolution in 1848. In the ensuing chaos, dozens of families joined their kinsmen in Allen County. Emigrants from Doubs and Haute-Saone contributed equally to this wave. Most were peasant farmers prior to emigration and had suffered acutely from famine.

St. Joseph Township experienced unprecedented growth with settlement of large numbers of Americans and German Lutherans, in addition to the French. Typical of the new arrivals were Claude-Francois Corneille and wife Rose Vionet from St. Juan, Doubs. They arrived with their children Jean-Baptiste, August, James, Casimar, and Jeanne, and established a small farm. Accompanying them was Corneille's brother-in-law, Constant-Joseph Voinet, also from St. Jaun.

Other newcomers included the families of John Carbon and wife Barbara, Francois Carrant and wife Sophia, and Francois-Xavier Simon and wife Jeanne-Marie, all of whom arrived in the 1840s. Antoine Ducat and wife Josephine settled in 1846. John Humbert Eme of Cubrym, Department of Doubs, with wife Claude-Frances Cote, arrived in 1844, built a cabin in Washington

Township not far from Isidore Pichon, and later moved to St. Joseph Township. Louis and James Rosselot arrived with their families in 1843, and their father, Pierre, followed four years later. Jaccques Sallot, a carpenter from Haute-Saone, settled with his wife Josephine in 1846. The Sarrazins, a prolific group of distantly-related families from doubs, settled St. Joseph and Perry Townships in the 1840s and left numerous descendants.

Washington and Perry Townships also continued to grow significantly as the land was cleared and cultivated. The Courchaton group was especially prolific in these townships. Richard Sordelet, a vine dresser from Courchaton, arrived with his wife Genevieve and their children in the spring of 1843, having journeyed west from New York City via the Erie Canal, then across Lake Erie to Toledo, and overland by way of the Wabash-Erie to Toledo, and overland by way of the Wabash-Erie Canal. His children would marry into the Pichon family, while other branches would settle in both Perry and Jefferson Townships.

Others from Courchaton included Claude-Joseph Pequignot, who arrived with wife Claude-Joseph Pequignot, who arrived with wife Claude in 1842. Nicholas-Hypolite Huguenard of Courcchaton arrived at New Orleans in 1847, sailed up the Mississippe, and settled in Washington Township with a large family. Joseph Delagrange of Haute-Saone and his family settled in Cedar Creek Township in 1843. Archange, Hubert, and Francois La Croix, also from Haute-Saone, settled in Perry Township. Claude—Francois Rondot, born in neighboring Athesans in Haute-Saone, farmed near the LaCroix family, as did Aimable Tournier, of Etroite Fountaine in Haute Saone.

Others continued to come from the area near Besancon, France. Claude-Francois Cour, a saloon keeper, born in 1797 in Doubs, settled in Washington Township with his wife Barbara in 1843. Victor Sauvageot and wife Marie-Therese followed in 1844,

while Ferdinand Roy and wife Marie Josephine, natives of Doubs, settled in 1846. Jean-Baptiste and Pierre Masson, former vineyard workers, settled in Perry Township in the 1840s. Frasncois-Xavier Beruaet, a native of Les Breuleux, Switzerland, settled in Washington in the same period. A few also settled in neighboring Lake Township. Some of these pioneers included Octave Boeuf and wife Justine: John Cavalier a native of Lorraine, and wife Francoise: Peter Courdevey and wife Madeline: Victor and Francois Julliard: and Gabriel Parnin, a native of Grammont in Hayte-Saone. Francois Rassat was born at Savoie, canton of Fauverge, in 1793, and settled with his family in 1856.

The new immigrants brought with them many customs from their former home which they adapted to the conditions of the Indiana frontier. The imposing wilderness forced them to learn how to clear their land and build log houses, kinds of dwellings unfamiliar to them. Unlike their American neighbors, they planted vineyards and made wine, despite Indiana's warm summers, which were not ideal for growing grapes. They raised cattle and made traditional cheeses. They planted the traditional hay and wheat, but supplemented them with American corn, which they adopted to their diet. They enjoyed other frontier new foods (to them) including wild turkey and venison, both of which were plentiful in the surrounding woodlands, and rabbit, with which they were long familiar. For years women continued to cook with white sauces and prepare fricassees in the manner that their mothers had done in their native France.

The immigrants also maintained a strong reverence for the Catholic Church and continued the observance of traditional holy days, celebrating Christmas and Easter with greater zeal that many of their American neighbors. Baptisms and weddings brought together large numbers of relatives, who afterward feasted according to custom.

Within these large extended families and neighbors, French acontinued to be the language of choice, both at home, at work, at school, and at church. It defined the immigrants as a distinct cultural group within Allen County's melting pot of American, German, and Irish cultural influences. Of the first few generations, few would marry outside the French ethnic circle. The second and often third generations remained bilingual, but the French language would eventually fade by the fourth generation. Grandchildren in the 20th century can recall that whenever their elders wished to keep something from them, they would always speak French.

The French settlement in northern Allen County would eventually be paralleled by a second to the southeast in Jefferson Township in the 1850s. This second French settlement in Allen County, known as Besancon, also included immigrants from the vicinity of Doubs, many of whom came to Allen County after first settling in Stark County, Ohio.
The growing French presence would lead many to give the area the name of "New France" or "New Gaul." Although this term has been used to describe the settlement at Besancon by some, it is more accurately applied only to the settlements in Washington, St. Joseph, and Perry Townships.

From: Lynd Bacon <lbacon@lba.com>
To: shirleyu@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Underwood (Huntertown): Son of Huntertown in eternal rest in Oakland CA
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2007 10:58:49 AM

Hello, Shirley. I hope this finds you well and fully recovered from pneumonia.

Last week I was able to locate and visit the grave of my great-grandfather, James Dalton Bacon. James was one of the sons of Francis C. Bacon. He is buried with his wife, Carrie L., my grandfather Francis D., and my great uncle Morton, in Mountainview Cemetery in Oakland CA:

http://www.mountainviewcemetery.org

James died in 1915, about 8 years after my grandfather died. He and his family are buried not far from some notable Californians that include Folger, Ghiradelli, Crocker, Stanford, and Merritt.

Regards,

Lynd Bacon

shirleyu@comcast.net wrote:
> Dear Lynd,
> I appologize for not getting back sooner. The library moved to a new
> facility over Christmas and I couldn't get to any information. I know
> where a picture of the home is, but John Bockman (origanal owners son)
> is in Arizona for the winter. He will get me one when we are at the
> lake this summer. They are around the corner from us. I went down to
> the library to see if I could get any information and I couldn't
> figure out their computer. I had my husband with me so I really
> couldn't pursue getting help. I'll leave him home this time and get
> the library personal to help me.
> I just wanted to let you know I hadn't forgotten you. We are trying to
> catalog information on families and I just haven't had time. I had
> pheumonia in January for four weeks. I'm now back on my feet.
> Hope that California sun is coming out. Our winter has been loaded
> with snow in February. Third coldest winter on record. It didn't seem
> bad, just a lot of snow.Thanks for all your information on the Bacons.
> I'll send ours when I get it accumulated.

> Shirley Underwood. Huntertown Historical Soc.

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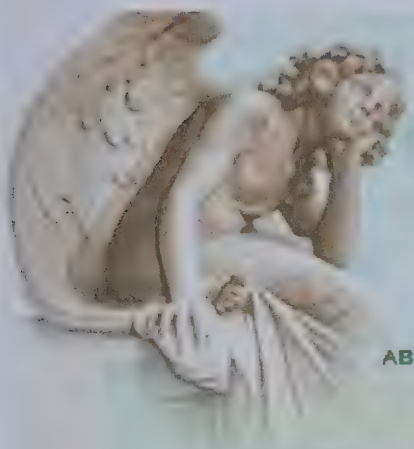

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FROM THE FRIENDS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

FALL 2009

Friends of Mountain View Cemetery

At Mountain View Cemetery, we welcome thousands of visitors each year. Some come to remember loved ones; some come to appreciate a Bay Area landmark designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted; some come to enjoy the peace, tranquility, inspiring landscaping, and sweeping views of the Bay Area; and some come to visit the graves of community and industry leaders and learn more about the wealth of history that lies among our beautiful hills.

Whatever connects you to this remarkable place, we invite you to learn more.

Our goals for this newsletter are to help you discover the cemetery's natural beauty and historical significance, invite you to attend our special events throughout the year, give you behind-the-scenes details about current and future projects, and create a way for you to become involved in our ongoing preservation and restoration efforts.

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November	Fall foliage display
Saturday, 11/11/06 10 a.m.	Free docent tour led by Stafford Buckley and Linda Castellani—*Stafford, a third-generation Oaklander, enjoys sharing information about the natural history of Mountain View. Linda shares intriguing "rags to riches" stories of self-made Californians dating back to the Gold Rush.*
Saturday, 12/9/06	No docent tour scheduled this month
Monday, 12/25/06	Christmas Day
Saturday, 1/13/07 10 a.m.	Free docent tour led by Gaye Lenahan—*Gaye will discuss the history of Mountain View Cemetery, including details about the Stranger's Plot, the ethnic roots of decedents, and customs of Victorian funerals and burials.*
Saturday, 2/10/07 10 a.m.	Free docent tour led by Elwood Gerrits—*Elwood, a history major, speaks about the main mausoleum, part of Millionaires' Row, and much more. He also takes special requests for specific tour destinations whenever time permits.*
Saturday, 3/10/07 10 a.m.	Free Women's History Month docent tour led by Silvia Lange and Joyce Temby—*Silvia highlights the stories of fascinating women who played a part in California's rich history. Joyce, a former teacher and third-generation native of the Golden State, has held a lifelong interest in cemeteries and California history. She stresses the significance of gravestone carvings and keeps an eye out for mysteries!*
Friday, 3/30/07, through Sunday, 4/1/07 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Tower Chapel Tulip Exhibition—*Walk amidst spectacular floral arrangements created by Bay Area florists, garden clubs, and local college horticultural departments. It's free! For more details, visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org before the event.*
April	Tulip Extravaganza—*Visit the cemetery for a magnificent showing of 30,000 tulips in bloom!*
Saturday, 3/31/07, and Sunday, 4/1/07	Ching Ming Festival—*Visit the cemetery in observance of Ching Ming this weekend and enjoy complimentary refreshments. For details, visit www.mountainviewcemetery.org prior to the event.*
Thursday, 4/5/07	Ching Ming/Remembrance of Ancestors Day
Sunday, 4/8/07	Easter
Saturday, 4/14/07 10 a.m.	Free docent tour led by Cindy Haines—*Cindy, who loves California history and also leads tours around Oakland, discusses interesting characters—from the astute to the quixotic.*
Saturday, 5/12/07 10 a.m.	Free docent tour led by Silvia Lange—*Silvia highlights the stories of fascinating women who played a part in California's rich history.*
Sunday, 5/13/07	Mother's Day
Monday, 5/28/07 10 a.m.	86th Annual Memorial Day commemoration program—*Presentation of colors, salute to the fallen, and guest speakers*
Monday, 5/28/07 11:30 a.m.	Memorial Day Civil War Plot tour led by Dennis Evanosky—*Dennis, who has also led tours at the Pardee Home and Oakland's Preservation Park, gives a general tour with special emphasis on the Civil War and the role California and Californians played in the conflict.*

Visitors may leave gravesite decorations seven days before and after New Year's Day, Ching Ming, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day—and from seven days before Christmas through January 10. Flags may be placed seven days before and after Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans' Day.

Plot 77 Expansion Makes Room for Additional Lots

In June of this year, we completed an expansion of existing Plot 77 by narrowing the asphalt road between Plot 77 and Plot 76. The road, which was 38 feet wide, dominated the landscape and was not an effective use of space. Many of our families wanted additional burial plots in that area so that they could memorialize family together, and the completed expansion does that. In addition, it provides an opportunity for future growth of a pleasing canopy of plum trees and converts several thousand square feet of asphalt into turf, which is better for drainage.

Upright Monument And Architecturally Designed Plots Approved

In July of this year, the Board of Trustees approved phase two of grading for our new Plots 78, 80, and 81. These plots will include the first expansion of upright monument plots in the post-Olmsted part of the cemetery. We believe that many of our families want the opportunity to memorialize friends and family with the feeling of permanence and strength conveyed by an upright monument. In addition, we will include sites for architecturally designed family lots. Plot 80 will include a reflection pool nested within a series of granite rings elevated slightly above the focal point of the garden. Plot 81 will feature an outdoor columbaria that looks upon a cremation garden featuring flowering pear trees, each one set within a cremation lot to remember and renew spirit and faith.

Concrete Walkway Improvements Coming

The native clay soils and topography at Mountain View undergo seasonal soil expansion and contraction—a fact that continues to impact our aging concrete walkways. We are researching long-term improvement solutions. In our new plots and in our new cemetery entrance, you will find a mix of crushed granite and golden-colored gravel stabilized by a porous grid of rings placed just below the surface of the path. This construction allows water to flow through into the native soil, thereby reducing runoff and erosion. These installations have been met with favorable feedback, so we will continue to monitor them with an eye toward future maintenance and replacements.

Spectacular Fall Foliage

Fall is a beautiful season at Mountain View Cemetery, and we invite you to take some time to stroll the cemetery grounds and enjoy the seasonal colors. Look for the turning leaves of our Liquidambar (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), Lombardy Poplar (*Populus nigra 'Italica'*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), and Ginkgo biloba (Maidenhair tree) trees.

If you enjoy visiting the Crocker angel, be sure to stop by and see her framed by fall color. If you have never seen her, now is the time to seek her out. She's located on the Crocker monument in Plot 35.

Next Spring: Flowering Plum Trees Encircle Plot 18

During the expansion of Plot 77, we transplanted a number of purple-leaf flowering plum trees (*Prunus cerasifera 'Krauter Vesuvius'*) to Plot 18. They now encircle the plot and the Main family vault. Like the cypress trees in Plot 55 and the redbud trees around Plot 33, these plum trees will brighten the landscape of Plot 77 with their periodic color—and architecturally define this space. Make a note to stop by next spring and enjoy their lively blossoms.

Stately New Redwoods

Although they don't bloom like our tulips and cherry trees, redwoods are statuesque parts of our landscape. Last winter, the cemetery planted more than 40 redwood trees (*Sequoia sempervirens*). Most were planted at the cemetery entrance, with the long-term goal of creating an evergreen frame. Others replaced trees that have been felled due to age or weather in locations throughout the cemetery. We look forward to their grand growth.

Free Docent Tours Every Second Saturday

Want to learn more about the legendary leaders of industry, government, education, and art at Mountain View Cemetery? Join one of our free docent tours, which begin at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of every month (except December). No RSVP is necessary; simply meet in front of the administrative office and wear comfortable walking shoes. Each tour lasts approximately two hours. For more information or to arrange a special group tour (including wheelchair-accessible tours), contact the cemetery office at 510.658.2588.

John Marsh (1799–1856)

Pre-Gold Rush overland immigrant who urged other Yankees to settle in California

By Barbara Smith, Mountain View Cemetery Docent

John Marsh's frequent letters to friends started a flood of wagon trains heading across the plains Photo courtesy of the Contra Costa County Historical Society

Massachusetts-born John Marsh was a new Harvard graduate in 1823 when he headed for a Michigan Territory Army post as a tutor for the children of the post commander. He intended to earn enough money to pay for Harvard graduate studies in medicine, and to prepare himself, he "read medicine" under the post surgeon.

Marsh's plans, however, were met with obstacles. First, the post surgeon died prematurely, bringing Marsh's studies to an end. Plus, he fell in love with a French Canadian-Indian woman, Marguerite Decouteaux, who had their child out of wedlock. Feeling he could not now return to New England, he accepted a job as Indian agent, but ran afoul of the law when he sold guns to the local Indians. Finally, Marguerite died, leaving him with a small son to care for.

Plans are progressing to create a John Marsh State Park on several thousand acres of the old Rancho Los Meganos, with his great stone house as its focal point.

In 1833, Marsh left his son, Charles, with friends in Illinois and moved on to start a business in Missouri. The business failed, and in 1835 he traveled southwest to the Spanish settlement of Santa Fe. He stayed there a few months before moving on to Los Angeles, arriving there in 1836.

Los Angeles in 1836 was a dusty little cow town of 2,228—a population that included 553 "domesticated Indians" according to the official census, the first taken by the Mexican government. When Marsh learned the village had no doctor, he assumed that position using his Harvard diploma, written in Latin, as his medical credentials. For a year he accepted cattle and hides in payment for his medical services, and in 1837 when he had accumulated enough wealth, he bought the 55,000-acre Rancho Los Meganos east of Mt. Diablo overlooking the San Joaquin Valley.

There, over the next 19 years, Marsh established an agricultural empire, planting vast acres of grain; orchards of pears, apples, plums, figs, and almonds; and two flourishing vineyards. His frequent letters to friends in the Middle West praising the opportunities in California started a flood of wagon trains heading across the plains, including the 1841 Bartleson-Bidwell Party, the first important overland wagon train to come here. His wise counsel to other Americans was that the best way to make California American was to settle it with Americans, rather than by armed conquest.

His first house was a small adobe to which he brought his schoolteacher bride, Abbie Tuck, in 1851. He promised to build her the grandest house in California, which, according to a San Francisco newspaper, he did. In 1852 their daughter Alice was born, and John began work on a great stone house.

Marsh's stone house will be the focal point for John Marsh State Park, now in the planning stages Photo courtesy of the Contra Costa County Historical Society

But there was to be no happy ending. In 1854, Abbie fell ill, and after lingering for a year, she died. In September of 1856 when the house was almost finished, John moved a few things into one of the upstairs rooms. He spent a few nights there, but on September 24, John Marsh was murdered while driving his buggy to Martinez on his way to the ferry for a business trip to San Francisco.

Although their deaths predated Mountain View Cemetery's 1865 opening, John and Abbie Marsh lie side by side in Plot 11 (they were moved there later by their family).

Gravesite photo to come.

Caption: You can visit the gravesite of John Marsh and his wife Abbie in Plot 11.

A new chapter, however, is about to be written in the story of John Marsh. Plans are progressing to create a John Marsh State Park on several thousand acres of the old Rancho Los Meganos, with his great stone house as its focal point. When the project is complete, the full story of John Marsh's far-reaching influence on the development of California will be shared with us all.

Do you have an interesting story to share about a family member, friend, or colleague at Mountain View Cemetery? If so, please write and tell us about his or her life and accomplishments, and we may feature it in an upcoming newsletter.

The Cogswell Monument

By Gaye Lenahan, Mountain View Cemetery Docent

The first major monument built in Mountain View Cemetery was "the Mausoleum to the Worthy Dead," erected by Henry Daniel Cogswell for the future burial of himself and his wife, Caroline. Cogswell, who followed the lure of the "gold rush" from Rhode Island to San Francisco and practiced dentistry under the "Sign of the Golden Tooth," invested cleverly in real estate and made a fortune.

In 1880, Cogswell purchased Mountain View Plot 7 to hold the monument he had designed. In the center of the monument, as described by Cogswell, a granite obelisk would rise 70 feet high. This obelisk would be topped with a small dome—copied from the one on the nation's capitol—and support a ten-inch crystal star. Larger-than-life-sized statues of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Temperance would ring the base. Surrounding this marvel would be extensive coping and other decorative features. The trustees of the cemetery were enthusiastic and had many meetings and considerable correspondence with Cogswell preceding the great undertaking. In 1880, the dentist paid $1000 to the cemetery—not for the lot, which was gratis, but for "perpetual repair."

Cogswell monument photo to come.

Caption: The Cogswell monument's granite pieces were transported from the East Coast to Oakland on 38 freight cars

Soon the monument's granite pieces were on their way from the East Coast to Oakland on 38 freight cars—a trip that constituted the heaviest shipment yet made at one time across the continent. Also on board was a specially built 24-horse wagon to carry the 15-ton obelisk to the building site. The wagon proved inadequate, so a house-moving capstan was employed to carry the obelisk from the railhead to the intersection of Broadway and Cemetery Avenue (now Piedmont Avenue)—where it broke down. Finally, a traction engine ferried over from San Francisco completed the moving job.

Mr. McDonald, the man assigned to put the granite pieces together, came from Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Boston. An experienced monument builder, he explained to the newspaper reporters covering this unusual event that the monument was earthquakeproof because of the way the stones were fastened together. Each stone had a hole in its upper surface that matched a corresponding hole in the lower surface of the adjoining stone; a chunk of granite (two to three feet square) filled each cavity and braced the stones solidly together.

While construction was underway, the locals went in numbers to watch the work. Cogswell himself went every couple of weeks to check on the progress until its completion in 1887. In 1900, Cogswell was laid to rest beside his great monument—still the tallest edifice at Mountain View.

A free map showing plots, listing points of interest, and identifying graves of notable persons is available at the cemetery office or online at www.mountainviewcemetery.org.

The infrastructure of a mature cemetery such as ours lives in a simultaneous state of perpetual maintenance and growth. One purpose of the Friends of Mountain View Cemetery is to share some of our restoration challenges with you—challenges where your financial support can help us make important progress.

Main Mausoleum Stained Glass Restoration Project

The beautiful and inspiring stained glass panels in our main mausoleum need restoration because many of the leaded frames enclosing and supporting the stained glass are sagging. This project will require dismantling hundreds of lead frames, reworking the frames with new lead and fresh solder, and carefully safeguarding the stained glass while the work is being completed. If you haven't yet seen the magnificent stained glass panels that enrich the interior of our main community mausoleum, we invite you to stop by—then consider making a contribution to this worthwhile restoration project.

Italian Cypress Tree Project

In his original design for the cemetery, Frederick Law Olmsted called for the use of many Italian Cypress trees to create a sense of human scale within this expansive landscape. Recently we installed a ring of Italian Cypress around the entrance fountain—a project that was received with great enthusiasm by families and guests who visit the cemetery.

Now we have selected another site to plant a ring of cypress trees: Plot 55. This plot is a small but no less important site, down slope from a series of historical family vaults. As with the entrance circle, this new ring of cypress trees will define and elevate this plot's place in the landscape. Your donations will help us complete this exciting landscape beautification project.

Stone Wall Restoration Project Complete

We recently replaced an aging wall with a new stone veneered retaining wall at the east end of Plot 31. The color and finish of the stone complements the rock memorial of Plot 31, and the newly planted ring of redbud trees will grace the area with spring color and take a step toward integrating this spot with the flora recently planted at the cemetery entrance.

Your donations are vital to maintaining and improving the Mountain View Cemetery grounds. To make your tax-deductible contribution, please complete and return the donation form printed at the end of this newsletter. If you have a favorite project, you can earmark your donation to be used for it. All of us at Mountain View, including our families and visitors, thank you for your support.

John Swett (1830–1913)

Father of California's public education system

By Barbara Smith, Mountain View Cemetery Docent

When John Swett arrived in California in February of 1853, he headed for the gold fields near Marysville where he spent five unhappy months. Swett had received a "normal school" (teacher's training) education in Massachusetts, and decided to put it to work in San Francisco.

His education made him the successful candidate for the post of principal at Rincon Grammar (High) School, where he embarked on a career that would have far-reaching influence on California's public education system. At Rincon, his experience with physical exercise for students set the foundation for what later would become the first state physical education law in the United States.

[Caption for John Swett's photo]

John Swett set California's public education system on a course that would become a model for other states

In 1862 he was elected California's fourth State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he assumed the office early in 1863. For the next four years, Swett worked to set California's public education system on a course that would become a model for other states. Among his accomplishments were: abolition of tuition and its replacement by tax support for schools, changes in teacher licensing, state funding of teachers' institutes, organization of schools into grades, establishment of school libraries, creation of a state board of education, and lengthening of the school year. Thanks to the efforts he initiated, by 1875 every California child could go to a free public school. It is for these reasons that John Swett is recognized as the father of California public education.

[Caption for John Swett's gravesite photo]

Swett's gravesite is located in Plot 30.

Despite his outstanding accomplishments, he was defeated for reelection in 1868, and in 1869 he returned to teaching—first as San Francisco's deputy Superintendent of Schools, and then as principal at the Denman School. In 1876, Swett became principal at the Girls' High School on the condition that they add to the three-year undergraduate course a post-graduate course of one year to prepare girls either for entrance to the University of California or to become elementary school teachers. This fourth year was known as the "Normal" class, and proved a popular choice for young women wanting to become teachers. Swett served in this post until 1889. From 1890 to 1894 he was San Francisco's Superintendent of Schools, completing his illustrious career as a California educator.

Upon his retirement in 1894, John Swett and his wife Mary settled on their Martinez property, Hill Girt Ranch, near their good friends John Muir and his wife Louie. Swett died in 1913, and rests in Plot 30.

☑YES, I'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Mountain View Cemetery to help restore, preserve, and enhance the beauty [illegible]

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The Mountain View Cemetery Association, established in 1863 by citizens of the East Bay, is a non-sectarian, community nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing comfort to families in a setting of great beauty. We are a private organization and receive no public funding. While most areas of the cemetery grounds are maintained through an endowment fund, there remain a number of significant projects that are important to the preservation and restoration of this extraordinary cemetery. It is through your generous, tax-deductible support that we can continue completing this historically critical work.

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Mausoleum hours: Weekdays 8 a.m.–4 p.m., weekends and holidays 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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Husband's Name
William REAM (AFN:14QD-2CT) Pedigree

Born: 29 Dec 1826 Place: <, Whitley, In>
Died: 25 Aug 1898 Place:

Father: Alexander REAM (AFN:14QD-29F) Family 1800
Mother: Mary (AFN:14QD-2BM) 1804

Wife's Name
Matilda LYBARGE (AFN:14QD-2GG) Pedigree

Born: 28 Sep 1827 Place: <, Whitley, In>
Died: 9 Feb 1916 Place:

Father: George LYBARGER (AFN:14QD-2D2) Family
Mother: Magdalena (AFN:14QD-2F8)

Children

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1. Sex Name
F Austrea Udora REAM (AFN:14QD-271) Pedigree

Born: 1 Jan 1868 Place: , Whitley, In

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2. Sex Name
M George REAM (AFN:14QD-21R) Pedigree

Born: 20 Oct 1850 Place: <, Whitley, In>

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3. Sex Name
F Rebecca Ellen REAM (AFN:14QD-20K) Pedigree

Born: 28 Oct 1848 Place: <, Whitley, In>
Died: 1922 Place: Magma, Utah

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4. Sex Name
F Lucy Diola REAM (AFN:14QD-287) Pedigree

Born: 4 Mar 1871 Place: , Whitley, In
Died: 1945 Place:
Buried: Place: South Whitley, In

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5. Sex Name
F Amanda REAM (AFN:14QD-236) Pedigree

Born: 12 Mar 1855 Place: <, Whitley, In>

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6. Sex Name
F Mary Lovina REAM (AFN:14QD-25L) Pedigree

Born: 21 May 1862 Place: <, Whitley, In>
Died: 21 Mar 1863 Place: , Whitley, In

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7. Sex Name
F Effie Jane REAM (AFN:14QD-26S) Pedigree

Born: 14 Jun 1864 Place: , Whitley, In

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8. Sex Name
M William REAM (AFN:14QD-24D) Pedigree

Born: 2 Dec 1857 Place: <, Whitley, In>

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9. Sex Name
F Elizabeth REAM (AFN:14QD-220) Pedigree

Born: 13 Dec 1852 Place: <, Whitley, In>
Died: 2 Jul 1854 Place:

Robert Stanley MCCOMB (AFN: 14QD-8K4) Pedigree
Sex: M Family

Event(s)
Birth: 16 Jul 1851
Huntertown, Allen, In

Death: 10 Sep 1932
Fort Wayne, , Indiana
Burial: 10 Sep 1932

Parents
Father: James MCCOMB (AFN: 14QD-85M) Family
Mother: Margarete SIMONTOR (AFN: 14QD-86T)

Marriage(s)
Spouse: Rebecca Ellen REAM (AFN: 14QD-8LB) Family
Marriage: 24 Feb 1871

Household: 1880 census of Perry Twp., Allen Co., IN

Name Relation Marital Status Gender Race Age Birthplace Occupation Father's Birthplace Mother's Birthplace
Robert S. MC COMB Self M Male W 29 OH Farm Laborer IRE OH
Rebecca E. MC COMB Wife M Female W 30 OH Keeping House OH OH
Lucy B. MC COMB Dau S Female W 8 IL OH OH
Emma J. MC COMB Dau S Female W 2 IN OH OH

Alexander Ram
[Alexander Ream]
[Alexander Ream]
Birth Year: abt 1855
Age in 1870: 15
Birthplace: Indiana
Home in 1870: Columbia, Whitley, Indiana
Race: White
Gender: Male
Value of real estate: View image
Post Office: Columbia City
Household Members: Name Age
George Ram 53 — 1817
Sarah A Ram 42 — 1828
Julia A Ram 20 — 1850
Alexander Ram 15 — 1855
William S Ram 8 — 1862
Franklin Schuman 19 — 1851

Alexander Ream
Age in 1860: 82
Birth Year: abt 1778
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Home in 1860: Harrison, Knox, Ohio
Gender: Male
Post Office: Fredericktown
Value of real estate: View image
Household Members: Name Age
Alexander Ream 82 — 1778
Mary Ream 70 — 1790
Alexander Ream 35 — 1825
Sarah Ream 22 — 1838
George Ream 3 — 1857
Ursina Ream 2 — 1858

✓ Alexander Ream
Age: 73
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1777
Birth Place: Pennsylvania
Gender: Male
Home in 1850 (City,County,State): Harrison, Knox, Ohio
Family Number: 2654
Household Members: Name Age
Alexander Ream 73 — 1777
Mary Ream 69 — 1781
Alexander Ream 24 — 1826
Calvin Ream 17 — 1833
James Ream 12 — 1838

Alexander Ream

Home in 1900: Columbia, Whitley, Indiana
[Columbia City, Whitley, Indiana]
Age: 46
Birth Date: Oct 1853
Birthplace: Indiana
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relationship to head-of-house: Head
Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Mother's Birthplace: Ohio
Spouse's Name: Sharlotte Ream
Marriage Year: 1877
Marital Status: Married
Years Married: 23
Occupation: View on Image
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
Alexander Ream 46 ~1853
Sharlotte Ream 46 — 1853
Elma P Ream 11 — 1889
Robert L Schuman 38 1862

Reams
Born: 1780
Pennsylvania, USA
Died: 12 Jun 1861
Harrison Twnshp, Knox, Ohio, USA
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Mary Polly Carpenter
Catherine Ream (B: 1810)

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Spouse
Mary Polly Carpenter
Born: 20 Oct 1786 in Londonderry Twn, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA
Died: 20 Aug 1872 in Harrison Twnshp, Knox, Ohio, USA
Marriage: 1830 View Info
Children Sex Birth
Catherine Ream F 30 Mar 1810 in Bedford, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA

This is all on our website already

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Huntertown Historical Society

From : aadrianson@aol.com Mon, Jul 11, 2011 03:12 PM

Subject : Huntertown Historical Society 1 attachment

To : shirleyu@comcast.net

Hello Shirley,

I recently found the following information on your website, this past weekend.

All I have to say is WOW! and thank you for having it posted.

I am a descendant of the Schlatter family, and my gr-gr grandparents were Moses and Rebecca (Eash) Yoder.

With information on your website, in combination with mainly the Amish, Mennonite Genealogy, Mennobite Obits and Family Search.org, I have attached a PDF family group sheet for Christian G. Eash and Barbara Rich.

The info may not have all the middle initials for everyone, and does have some additional spouse for some of their children.

Sincerely,

Alan Adrianson

DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTIAN SCHLATTER, SR. of Alsace-Lorraine, France

BARBARA RICH AND HER CHILDREN
GENERATION 4

Barbara's first husband Isaac, and her second husband, Christian, were twice widowed. Barbara and Christian's three eldest children were born in Indiana, the fourth and fifth child in Iowa, and then they returned back to Indiana.

4. BARBARA RICH b: Aug 6, 1834 d: June 14, 1882 married Dec 1, 1855 in Ft. Wayne, Allen Co, IN
+ Isaac Biberstein b: Sept 18, 1823 d: Jan 5, 1857

5. JOSEPH BIBERSTEIN b: 1856 d: 1920
+ Elizabeth Showalter
+ Nora Stoop

+ Christian G. Eash b: March 24, 1809 d: April 11, 1896 m: Nov 11, 1857 Adams

5. LYDIA EASH b: 1859 d: 1944
+ Peter L. Eicher
5. REBECCA EASH b: 1861 d: 1930
+ Moses Yoder
+ Noah Schrock
5. SAMUEL EASH b: 1863 d: 1945
+ Ida Nusbaum
5. ANNA EASH b: 1865 d: 1944

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+ Harrison E. Nusbaum

5. CAROLINE EASH b: 1867 d: 1868
5. MOSES CH. EASH b: 1869 d: 1903
   + Clara E. Nusbaum
5. SARAH M. EASH b: 1872 d: 1942
   + Alvin S. Farmer
5. ELLA EASH b: 1874 d: 1959
   + John F. Slabaugh
5. WILLIAM E. EASH b: 1878
   + Lelia A. McGary

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Pauline McGuire

CHURUBUSCO -- Pauline McGuire, 90, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of Carl McGuire, passed away at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the family residence in Smith Township following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. McGuire was born in Churubusco on May 9, 1920, a daughter of Charles and Alice (Wappes) Weidman, and spent all of her life in this area.

On May 8, 1943 she was married in Churubusco to Carl McGuire. The couple lived in Green Township in Noble County for a period, and have lived at their present farm home in Smith Township since 1949.

A homemaker, she also assisted her husband on the family farm. In her leisure time she enjoyed her yard and flowers, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

The surviving relatives include her husband, Carl, to whom she was married for over 67 years; her daughter, Patricia McGuire of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law, Judy McGuire of Churubusco; a grandson, Stacy (Krista) Holzinger of Churubusco; and two great-grandsons, Jacob Holzinger and Logan Holzinger.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jerry L. McGuire on January 16, 2011; by a grandson, Chad McGuire on January 27, 2008; and by a brother, Archie Weidman.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; or the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. McGuire's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

[George Weidman]
[George Weidman]
Age in 1910: 59
Estimated Birth Year: 1851
Birthplace: Indiana
Relation to Head of House: Head
Father's Birth Place: Pennsylvania
Mother's Birth Place: Nova Scotia
[United States]
Spouse's Name: Corena Weidman
Home in 1910: Green, Noble, Indiana
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Gender: Male
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
Genya Weidman 59
Corena Weidman 49
Clara Weidman 21
Charles Weidman 16
Arleigh Weidman 12
Allen Weidman 6

Alice C Wappes
Home in 1900: Green, Noble, Indiana
[Green, Noble, Indiana]
Age: 1
Birth Date: Jun 1898
Birthplace: Indiana
Race: White
Gender: Female
Relationship to head-of-house: Daughter
Father's Name: George H Wappes
Father's Birthplace: Ohio
Mother's Name: Aura A Wappes
Mother's Birthplace: Indiana
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: View on Image
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
George H Wappes 34
Aura A Wappes 26
Gertrude Wappes 7
Floyd W Wappes 5
Alice C Wappes 1

Alice C Wappes
[Alice C Wapper]

Age in 1910: 11
Estimated Birth Year: 1899
Birthplace: Indiana
Relation to Head of House: Daughter
Father's Name: George Wappes
Father's Birth Place: Indiana
Mother's Name: Ora Wappes
Mother's Birth Place: Indiana
Home in 1910: Swan, Noble, Indiana
Marital Status: Single
Race: White
Gender: Female
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
George Wappes 48
Ora Wappes 37
Gertrude O Wappes 16
Floyd W Wappes 14
Alice C Wappes 11
William J Wappes 9
Kenneth C Wappes 6
Archie F Wappes 4
Raymond F Wappes

Alice Weidman
Home in 1920: Lake, Allen, Indiana
Age: 21
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1899
Birthplace: Indiana
Relation to Head of House: Wife
Spouse's Name: Charles Weidman
Father's Birth Place: Indiana
Mother's Birth Place: Indiana
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Sex: Female
Able to read: Yes
Able to Write: Yes
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
Charles Weidman 26
Alice Weidman 21
Archie Weidman 1
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JOHN HYDMAN FAMILY (HYNDMAN)

JOHN HYDMAN, a native of Londonderry County, Ireland, was born in 1809 and emigrated to America in 1835.

With very little of this worlds wealth, he stowed away on a ship bound for America and after the ship was out to sea, he appeared and worked his passage over. The ship was wrecked in crossing; it took four or five months to cross.

With less than fifty cents in his picket he worked odd jobs until he arrived in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Here, he worked on the canal for a time, then started in the blacksmith trade, at which he worked for several years.

In 1844, he entered forty acres in Allen County, and afterwards traded this for eighty acres in Eel River Township, where he lived the remainder of his life. He lived a bachelor all his life until in the early forties, when he married LUCY JACKSON. There were seven children born of this union, four boys and three daughters:; JOSEPH, born August 11, 1843, died June 12, 1916, was married to LUCY LOUISE CRAIG; SAMUEL, born August 23, 1845, died December 16, 1907, was married to MARY M. GLOYD; NELSON, born September 24, 1848, died November 11, 1912, was married to MARY MELCINA PUMPHREY; MERCY JANE , born October 25, 1849, died January 8, 1892, was married to ANDREW KNOX;; NANCY A., born October 28, 1853, died July 6, 1910, was married TO ISSAC S. PLANTS; RACHEL, born October 20, 1859, died November 2, 1938, was married to WILLIAM A. MOORE; GEORGE, B., born July 18, 861, died November 13, 1935, was married to Ella Bear.

John and Lucy Hydman were members of the Baptist Church in Eel River Township. He was always friendly toward schools, churches, and all laudable enterprises and was a leading citizen.

Due to tenacity and hard work, at the time of his death, April 20, 1874, (from pneumonia) he owned 855 acres of land in Eel River Township and 155 acres in Illinois. He and Lucy were able to give each of their children a farm in Allen County, or equivalent thereof.

The HYNDMAN family flourished and multiplied; all were destined to take part in the development of Allen and surroundings counties.

Submitted by Wanda J. Maroney

The History of Fort Wayne & Allen County 2005 (Vol. 2)

Subj: **Huntertown Historical**
Date: 8/2/2007 6:53:39 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: cjrichards@charter.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Betty, at last I have all photos of us old timers, some of Class "44" and just have to make a note or two and will post to you. If there is any charge, let me know and after you have scanned and used, you would not need, will pay postage to return. Am going to try and have these in the mail by Sat. 4th Aug.

Chas. J. Richards

Subj: **tucker genealogy / huntertown historical society**
Date: 1/19/2008 10:32:28 AM US Eastern Standard Time
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hello, i'm a tucker looking for a compilation by mirabel tucker titled "genealogy of the morris tucker family" that is said to be with your group or possibly with a carol tucker jensen. any help locating this document would be greatly appreciated.

respectfully, jeff tucker

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Hi. I am the grand nephew of Earl and (Sarah) Elizabeth (KELL) DEBOLT. I just ran across her obituary online. Thanks for posting it, I guess it was you. what a good resource to have.

My grandfather was Lloyd Ellsworth DeBolt. oldest brother of Earl.

Just thought i would say hello.

Steve

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Subj: **Huntertown School**
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To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,

Thank you for the info but we must be talking about different schools. As I stated before my children went to this school starting in 1978.

Some day when I feel like it I will go through my late son's things, maybe he has a yearbook in there that will give me the info. It is not a big deal just was curious as to the year of demolition.

I'm sorry I didn't respond sooner but had some personal things that took up some time.

Thanks again,
Teresa

Subj: **Huntertown**
Date: 8/24/2007 7:42:47 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: keithwagner1@gmail.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
CC: keithwagner@earthlink.net

This is a file I have in my geanology file. You Can read it and about halfway down is where Huntertown & Ell River Township

Hi Keith,

What a wonderful file you sent! It may be a while before I can digest it all but surely do appreciate your sharing it with us. People are beginning to share their family histories with us now, and at our local Huntertown Heritage Days I received 3 other packets of information to go through. I am so glad to have them, but will be September before I can start to work on them. Am in the midst of another project at the present time. Perhaps it will be even after October 1st, as the end of August is nearly upon us.

We are making "notebooks" for each family with all the information and photos inside so that someday we can share them with the public. And hopefully will have a building in which to house the things we are acquiring. But it hasn't happened as yet. Our website is the only place we have to share right now, and of course personal correspondence. I may have questions later on and if so, will contact you. And perhaps a few pictures to go along with your story if you have them in your computer would be welcome.

Thanks again and thanks for finding us on the website!!

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Re: Huntertown photos**
Date: 7/15/2007 2:32:41 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: cjrichards@charter.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

I am answering to an e-mail, posted 4-9-04. Better late than never?? Betty, Iv'e lost your web page and knowing it's been a long time, I hope that you or others are continuing with it. I still would like to make a write up on our C.W. Richards Family and yes, I do have photos of Dad Richards and his pride & joy, the Horse drwan hearse. Hoping that you do receive this and that a contact can be made.\

Charles J. Richards Huntertown class of 1944 and our reunion is Fri. the 27th of July, 2007.
cjrichards@charter.net

---- Original Message ----
From: WFitch5413@aol.com
To: cjrichards@charter.net
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2004 6:59 PM
Subject: Huntertown photos

Hello Charles,

Thanks so much for contacting us about your photos. Yes, we certainly would like to have them or copies of them. Can you send your photos as an e-mail attachment? If not is it possible that we could use them to scan into our computer so we could put them on our web site? We have found that if we use photos that have been scanned into the computer from the origianl copy, they print out much better from the website, and look better from there too.

We do have a lot of them that are scanned from copies and they do not provide nearly as good a picture than when scanned from the original. Eventually we will have to "reborrow" those photos from their owners to actually scan them into our system. So how would you like to get them to us? Do you live close by?? If so we could plan to borrow them long enough to get them scanned. Or try sending them by e-mail if you have scanned them into your own computer. Send JPEG if possible.

We appreciate your interest. Do you also have local family genealogy to share with us?? We hope to improve our website a little at a time.

Best regards, Betty Fitch

Hi Bev,

Yes your file came through with flying colors. Seems there wasn't a problem. I will be careful with the living members and even the others will not disclose things that no one would want disclosed anyway. Will probably make a Descendant Outline and work from that for the info with birthdates and death dates and marriages and places sometimes if there is room.

Will take me a while so don't look for anything on line for a month maybe or so. Depends on how much work I have to do with the Heritage Festival coming up the first weekend in August. Perhaps may not get to this until after that weekend. And will take off information for our family books too.

Of course I remember you. I am sure you remember that you and our daughters, Cathy and Carol were in your mother's 4-H club when we lived at LaOtto. I remember coming to a few meetings at your house. We lived there just 2 years so it wasn't a long time, but of course, have known Ron and Roger for a long time now.

Thanks so much for the information. If you can get together a few pictures that would be great of your mom and dad and maybe your grandparents that we can add to our Hoot book. Did you say you were living close?? If so and plan to attend the Huntertown Heritage Days, we will have our display inside the school and stop and see us.

Betty Fitch

Subj: **re: Hoot line info**
Date: 7/21/2007 9:55:24 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: bdwagner911@hotmail.com
To: wfitch5413@aol.com

Hello Betty,
I am enclosing the FTW file for ancestors of my dad Darrell Hoot. If it all transfers, I know there is alot of misc. data that you don't need. It was easier to just download it rather than sort through it for you. Trust you to guard info for living relatives. Please let me know if it comes through okay.
Regards,
Bev Hoot Wagner

Need a brain boost? Recharge with a stimulating game. Play now!
http://club.live.com/home.aspx?icid=club_hotmailtextlink1

Phone call from Peg Ross
Lives in Greene, Chenango county, NY
Researching Williamson family
Found one Dr. William Raymond Williamson
He was a doctor at the Irene Byron
He died in 1941
He lived with his mother in Fort Wayne

She was interested in what more we had on the Irene Byron TB hospital and when it may have changed over to an "old folks home" or nursing type of home as it is more today. Is there any old person around who might remember what it was like in those days?

Has a daughter with the last name of Gulyas who lives up on the Wappes Road, who still has one child in Huntertown Elementary. Also one child is a senior at Carroll.

Said that this Dr. is not the right one who was in the Williamson family that she was researching, but came across this while researching the Williamson name. The request was for a Ernest Frederick Williamson who was born about 1853. She wasn't asking for research on that. Just on the Irene Byron Hospital and what it was like. She may have found out articles on line, but wasn't sure where she got them.

She is a historian of her town, Greene, New York. Says the state appoints a historian for every town in New York and gives them funds to publicize the town and do research on the past of the town. Said they are not supposed to be doing genealogy, but she is like I am, and can't keep her fingers out of trying to find family histories when presented with such a request.

Her e-mail is pogr@aol.com

30's & 40's 40,000 died in Indiana

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 9/20/2007 8:19:54 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: Mrpen1
To: WFitch5413

I came upon your site and found my Bailey's. This is my line being Smith Bailey and Elizabeth Horton. I do know that Elizabeth did not die at 32 years. She is in the 1880 census Perry, Noble Co. IN at the age of 90. She is living with daughter Jane McMann. Her name was listed as Elisabeth Baley. I do believe that she is the one buried with son Benjamin S. Bailey. I also have the Mathews line as Sarah Ann Bailey married Henry Mathews of Eel River.

Marcia Penner

See what's new at AOL.com and Make AOL Your Homepage.

Hi Marcia,

Thanks so much for writing to us. Yes, Elizabeth Horton Bailey did not die at 32 but I normally attempt to put in the information given to me, with a disclaimer, which is what I did in this case. It is obvious that someone made an error either in their typing or in their reading of the tombstone. Thanks so much for the tip on where to look for Elizabeth in the 1880 census. I did go there and found it. Eventually I will be getting corrections and more information on the web site.

At the present time I have another project that I am working on and will probably be November before I get back to the web site. I have about 6 family histories that have been given to me and need to go through them and organized and would love to have your Matthews information too. Right now I don't think we have anything on the Matthews family of Eel River Township.

Thanks again for contacting us and hope to hear from you again soon on your research.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Re: Photos**
Date: 10/17/2007 5:56:58 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: salhhhpa79
To: WFitch5413

JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU **SO MUCH** FOR ANSWERING AND FOR THE IDENTIFICATIONS!
I SEE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF HELPFUL THINGS ON THE SITE.
I BELIEVE MARGIE PEARCE PUT THE HURSH FAMILY ON THERE AND I AM RIGHT NOW GOING OVER
THAT TO SEE IF I LACK ANYTHING. THE HOUSE PICTURE IS SO NICE TO SEE, TOO.
I WILL BE CHECKING TO SEE NEW ITEMS YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO ADD.
THANK YOU AGAIN,
SALLY

-----Original Message-----
From: WFitch5413@aol.com
To: salhhhpa79@aol.com
Sent: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 8:42 am
Subject: Photos

Hi Sally,

Glad to hear you found our website. We do have some great pictures and a lot of family genealogy also.

As the for people in the pictures, I can give you names on one of them, but not on the other.

The Gump family in their barnyard was not taken in 1856, but the farm was settled in 1856.
It was probably taken in the 1870's or 1880's. George Sr. who was the settler died in 1912 and his wife died in 1894. Probably the one with the white beard is George Gump, Sr. who came from Ohio to settle this farm. May be his wife Harriet at the far right. Others then would just be guesswork since we don't have an exact date. They had 13 children.

The other one of the Simon family in front of their home is as follows:
Far left is Joe Simon, Ella Simon Brownlee, George Simon, his wife Cora, Yarian, Edna daughter of Mary Edda Simon, Solomon, granddaughter Mary and the rest were not given names. I would guess that the one next to granddaughter Mary would be the grandmother.
Possibly between Edna and Solomon is Mary Edda Simon, though it isn't listed for sure and just says the Edna is her daughter. But an extra young lady is standing beside Solomon.

We have both of these pictures printed in our 2003 Calendar along with others. Those are still available for $6 and both of those pictures are in the same calendar. Usually they can be found at the Northwest News Office or the bank in Huntertown, or they could be purchased by mail from Shirley Underwood who has the supply right now. Should you decide you want one I believe the postage is $1.50 by mail. Not positive on that (may be $2) because I do not do the sending or have the supply. Shirley's phone and address is on the website.

Thanks for contacting us. Keep watching as we have more to put on the web site, but just not sure when it will all get done. I have a stack of about 8 families to work on when the snow flies!

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society PICTURES**
Date: 10/16/2007 2:37:35 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: salhhhpa79
To: WFitch5413

Dear Betty,

There are wonderful photographs on this site!

On page 1 there I two I especially was happy to view:

1 -Gump Family Homestead 1856
2 - Solomon Simon (family all in front of the farm house)

I wish I knew the names of the people in those wonderful pictures!
Do you happen to know or could you tell me who posted them so I could ask for identification?

Thank you,

Sally Hursh

2003 Calendar

Celestia Gump
Wm. F 51
Priscilla 1853
Margaret 1855
Alice
Ida
Arilla
Madison
Harriet
Marion
George 1868 or 1856
Effie
Cora

George Sr d 1912
wife d 1894

Hi Betty,

Thank you so much for your most helpful information. I called the number which you had given for Jean Pontius and she answered the phone. She was at her daughter Sandy's home (the phone number is Sandy's number but Sandy was at work) so I had a chat with Jean as well as a lady named Patty who was there. Patty explained that Jean has dementia now and that I would be best to call back when Sandy was home. I called Sandy this morning and she is going to do her best to track down the "Malcolm Family (about 1888)" photo that I am interested in as well as any others that they may have of Emily Sarah Hitchcock. If she can locate them, she plans to make copies to send to me (by mail) so I will wait to hear from her again as to her findings.

If, for some reason, she cannot locate them then I will contact you again to see if you could make a copy for me. In the meantime, thanks once again for the info you supplied as well as your offer to assist.

With gratitude,,
Ann McMillan

UCANCONTACTANN @ YAHOO.CA

Subj: **tonkel barn raising**
Date: 8/21/2006 9:56:42 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: lamentingsissy@verizon.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
CC: lmd135@hotmail.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Betty,

This is Deb barton (Deck). While looking at the huntertown site I noticed the pictured of the barn raising that I gave you all is listed as Ray Tonkel. This is incorrect, the barn was my great uncle Frank Tonkel. I verified this with mom.

Maybe we will see you Sunday at the 150th @ Union Chapel.

Deb

Frank married Oline Hursh
August was Frank's brother - ancestor of Deb.
Parents were Henry & Frances

Ray m. Hedy Hippenhomer
father was August

Hi Debbie,

Sorry, I meant to talk with you yesterday at U. C. but there were so many people, it just never happened. It was a great celebration and I enjoyed the day very much.

About the barn. Sorry that it was titled incorrectly. I told Shirley Underwood who is the co-ordinator of the photos on the photo pages and she will change it, but do not hold your breath. She has had several crashes of her computer system and it seems that each time she gets further behind in the ability to change the photos and their IDs. Her husband has been ill and with the Huntertown activities that she does each summer, such as put out our yearly calendar and set up for Heritage Days, she has been really busy. Hope now for a little break and maybe she can get back to getting her photo pages up to snuff.

I would change it myself, but those pages are in her computer, and though I can pull back photos individually, I cannot pull back whole pages and that is what I would need to do to be able to retitle the pictures. I do and can change anything on the story and text pages and she doesn't have access to those to change. If it happens that she cannot get it done within a month or so I will try to pull over the picture from her section and place it into the Tonkel family text information to make the correction there.

Actually the lady (someone we hired) who set up our web site did not realize all that we wanted to do with it and she did not set it up correctly so it is a complicated matter to do the changing we sometimes need. And it doesn't help that we are beginners in this kind of endeavor either! All in all though I believe we do have a lot of good information on the web site.

Thanks for letting me know about the problem. If you should have other older family photos that you would like on the web site, and can scan them in and send them jpg to me and I will see that they get into my text pages and eventually get on the photo pages also.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Fw: Huntertown Museum**
Date: 5/14/2006 2:50:11 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: darlib@verizon.net
To: wfitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

This bounced and I realized I didn't type the address correctly

DL
—— Original Message ——
From: Darlene and Howard
To: shirleyu@comcast.net ; WFitch541@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2006 12:44 PM
Subject: Huntertown Museum

Hi,

We are still in Indiana.

I left a message on the phone number I got through 411 info on my cell phone so it can now be disregarded if it was received! We can't get online at every campground so couldn't email yesterday.

I was under the impression there is a Museum in Huntertown but we were unable to locate it. If there is and there is a possibility of seeing it on Tuesday, please let me know. I was also hoping to take a pictue of the Fisher West home if it is still in existance.

I have communicated with you before regarding school records in Perry Twp. My grandmother was Clara Grace Nelson. She lived with the Fisher West family from about 1902 until she married Samuel Brown at their home on 9 Sept 1908.

Thank you,

Darlene Libbey
Burlington WA

360-708-5813 Cell phone

Shirley answered

Hello John,

Thought I should get back to you and tell you that Shirley Underwood is working on getting some answers for you. However, our records contain nothing of that name. At least now I do have an obituary.

We are a very small organization trying to do a big thing by having the web site, but find that at the present time we cannot have a "home" for our records or a way to open them to the public. At this time we rely on the folks in the vicinity to give us what they know and then we try to put them on the website. Others see the web site and send us more. We do have some family histories and some photos, but no way for anyone to view them right now.

Your best bet is the Allen Co. Public Library or their website FriendsOfAllenCounty.org which may be where you found your information. The Fort Wayne Historical Society also carries some information. However until recently they concentrated on Fort Wayne history and did not cover much of the county. A few sections of the county are now doing their best to get their information on the website.

Have you done the census reports?? As I said our information comes mainly from the local people. None of us have the time to do family genealogy work. As an organization we produce a calender of old photographs every year, put on a few displays in the summer, and the website. Eventually we would like to have a building where we could house our records and begin to gather historical items for the township and Huntertown, but will all take time.

I am sure that Shirley will get back to you as soon as she can do so. She has a couple phone calls in and is waiting for an answer. If you find or have other information on this name, we would appreciate having what you know. Thanks so much.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 5/28/2006 11:26:12 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: lanew1@wesnet.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com, shirleyu@comcast.net
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello

For a number of years I have been searching for a missing relative that lived in Allen Co. Indiana. Recently I found the following at the Library in Ft. Wayne.

Obituary from Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette July 20, 1932 Page 5 Column 1

NEIBREACHT

D. H. Neibreacht, 84, died at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening at a local hospital. He had been ailing for several weeeks. Surviving is one brother, Jacob Neibreacht of Lima, O. Mr. Neibreacht formerly resided at Huntertown. The body was removed to the D. O. McComb & Sons funeral parlors.

McComb and the FT. Wayne Library say they have no additional information on D. H. Neibreacht. This person died in the Ft. Wayne "Poor House" but there is no further record as to his burial. Would a quick review of the records of the Huntertown Historical Society indicate that further information may be available in Huntertown, since he lived there.

This persons actual name was Heinrich Neubrecht born June 22 1856 in Allen Co. , Ohio and he was a twin to John Charles Neubrecht who lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and worked as a Barber in Ft. Wayne. D. H. Neibreacht (Henry Neubrecht) was said to have worked with horses most of his life, maybe as a trainer or a blacksmith or a vet.

If you think additional information may be available , I could make a research trip to your area.

Thank You

John Newbright in Ohio

1932
84
1848

1930 Census
Jacob S. Neubrecht b. 1852 Lima, Allen Co., Ohio
wife
Louisa

Charles of Ft. Wayne died at age 75 July 25, 1919 male, white
b. abt 1844

1919
75
1844

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 5/19/2004 9:23:36 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: MJHatch@cox.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Betty,

So glad to see the website. As always, it's good to see photos and read stories.

This is Michael J. Hatch, grandson of Clinton Jacob Hatch, who was a son of Theron Versil. (1845-1928)
I observed under the Hatch family section that Theron Versil was listed as Theron Vincent.
I also observed under the Photo section that the Hatch home was listed as being on Greenwell Rd., not on Hatch Rd. This was Theron's home that was passed on to Clinton Jacob. It was the home in which my father, George Robert, was raised. How good it was to see it again.

Should I get to Indiana again soon, it would be a pleasure to meet you.

Mr. MJ Hatch
San Diego County, CA.

Do you know Amelia's last name?

Hello Michael,

So glad to hear from you. Thanks so much for sending us your corrections on the Hatch family. We need corrections, new stories, photos, etc. so we can keep adding to our web site.

I went back to my cemetery inscriptions to see if I had made the mistake, and no, it was that way from the book, but I assume whoever did the inscriptions did not have the right information, or it might even be incorrect on the tombstone. I haven't gone to check on that one as yet, but next time I go that way, I will. There are a lot of errors in transcribing tombstones as well as some noted ones on the stones themselves. I will probably not change the "Vincent" until I have a look at the tombstone and see what the situation is, but I will make a note on the website that it is incorrect. When I use someone else's work, I prefer to leave it as is and make my notes as to the probable error.

I will give your information on the Hatch Road to Shirley Underwood, who is trying to keep the pictures corralled!! That is quite a job! I do the text and she does the photo pages. We are both just learning so guess all you great folks will have to have a little patience with us, but please let us know how we can improve our website, and if you have more corrections. I am sure there will be many.

As a rule we usually do not put information about living people on the website in the family history section. They may show up in some of the stories and articles. But we would like to have all the information down to the current generations in case someone writes to us and requests more information. Would like for you to send us your story on how you ended up in California. If you are married and have a family, then would like to have the birthdates, marriage dates, places, occupations, etc. so we can keep our information as up to date as possible. I am sure there are those in this area that have that information, but if they don't contact us and tell us about the extended family, then we have no way of knowing.

In fact, I don't even have Amelias last name. And for your Grandfather Clinton Jacob, I have nothing but the year of birth and death. So if it is possible, would like more of your families genealogy. Have nothing about your parents.

We at the Historical Society would love to meet you should you come this way. And would love to have you sit in on one of our monthly meetings. We do meet the 4th Wednesday night of each month. Thanks again for letting us know folks are finding us out there.

Betty Fitch

Vernie Hatch

b. 3-29-1908 d. June 1963 - IN S.S.

Subj: **Re: CD**
Date: 4/12/2004 6:32:35 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: Plly1467
To: WFitch5413

I'll Send you a CD. I understand and accept your policy.
If you have Microsoft Publisher, I developed a picture book with the Dunten Geneology back to 1590. I could try to put it on Microsoft Word format as well. I appreciate your help.

Darwin Dunten

Yes, I have Microsoft Publisher
Ask what church he was pastor of

Received CD of photos 4-29-2004
Sent e-mail to acknowledge

Subj:	**Re: CD's etc.**
Date:	4/13/2004 7:44:23 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From:	Plly1467
To:	WFitch5413

I pastor in the United Brethren Church.
I use to pastor at Hopewell United Brethren at CR 35 and 68 (1993 to 2000) in DeKalb County until I was transferred to Findlay, Ohio. (I graduated from Carroll in 1982). While in Huntertown, we attended the Huntertown United Methodist Church. Debbie Krempel is my sister and she attends there now. I will be sending you a CD with the older pictures I have. Along with an abbreviated family history book. The Cd will contain the abbreviated book along with the entire book which contains my mother's side as well.

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 9/24/2003 12:35:58 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: rendell@argolink.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Betty,
I am Renny Kitzmiller the son of Neal and Evelyn Jane (Johnson) Kitzmiller and grandson of George and Lucy Johnson the one with the Dillinger's gang of 1927. That garage was are home in the 40's my dad and few friends added 3 rooms to it. Yes, we have some photos of that place.

I enjoy all the calenders that my mother sent me. And like to see more in a few years with our family in them.

My grandma Lucy Johnson did run a food store on the north side of Henry Martin place and my great grandpa Henry Martin had a hardware store on the south side of the home with two apartments We were living above it. One of the Martin's children rented the back part while our family rented the front part. There are some photos of us kids taken around the place. By-the-way I was born right there in my grandpa George Johnson and grandma Lucy Johnson home. They used to live across Lima Road (State Road #3) from the Shoaff Store. I used to go there to buy ice cream alot.

E-mail me soon for more infomation on and whereabout of our family. My mother is or may now be in the hospital for surgery soon to remove a football size tumor from one of her kidneys. She's 83 years old now. She comes to Huntertown offen.
Thank you very kindly for your reply,soon.
Renny Kitzmiller

1. Renny Kitzmiller
2. Neal Kitzmiller + Evelyn Jane Johnson
3. George + Lucy Johnson
4. Henry Martin
   (Hardware Store)

Hello Renny,

So glad to hear from you and find that some people are "tuning in" to our website. We hope to continually expand it so that it will eventually include most families of our area to some extent.

We had our HHS meeting last evening and I wanted to quiz Shirley Underwood about your family to see if she had more background. If she does, it is all in boxes as she is in the process of moving at the present. She didn't seem to know for sure, except that she had spoken to your mother not too long ago. However, our meeting ran long last evening, and she was exhausted from her moving experiences so didn't get much of chance to talk with her about your family.

So would appreciate any information about the Johnsons and the Kitzmillers that you might be able to work up for me. I have the means to access the 1850 and 1880 census records so often can put together families from that and whatever info I have on the family names. I checked the 1850 and found just 2 Johnsons in the Perry Township census, Thomas Johnson, born 1832, and Sarah A. Johnson, born about 1848. They were both living in homes of other families. Since Johnson is quite a common name, looking for Johnson information online is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

We try to take the families as far back as possible, and try to avoid putting living members of the family on the website, unless they are quite elderly and then attempt to put only their names, but we want all the current and living family members also to keep in our files and to keep it up to date. If others make inquiries about, say the "Johnson" family, then we have the material that we can send to them, but it is not open to all the world to see with a click of a mouse.

Things we would like to know if possible would be:

Birth dates and birth places
Marriage dates and places
Children and their birth dates, etc.
Schools and education
Church affiliations
Organizations they might have belonged to.

When the families may have come to the Perry Township area, and stories of their early days that have been passed down in the families. And other stories of later dates and how they lived. And interesting happenings they might remember and have told of the past days in Huntertown.

What can you tell me about your families?? Even if it doesn't go back very far, by putting it on, we will probably get inquiries and letters from others who maybe have taken it back further and that will benefit all.

And what of Henry Martin?? I do have some Martin families posted, but the information is scarce on the family so far. Which family does Henry come from??
I happen to live on a Martin farm and still have Martin families living around here, but so far, no one else has given us more information and tied the family all together.

Yes, we would appreciate seeing what photos you might have on any of these families in their earlier days. Perhaps Shirley already has them or has seen them, but if not, we are collecting. If she has the real photos they can either be scanned into our computers, or have negatives made, and they can then be returned to you. Or perhaps you have the ability to do the same for us. I can usually receive any photos by e-mail if that is the best option. Just scan them in JPEG and send them. Not sure where you are living, but if you have a scanner or know someone who has it might be an easy method of transmitting photos to us. Even your family histories can come that way, if that is best for you.

We will continue to publish our calendars and find they are a great enjoyment to a lot of local folks as well as those who have moved away. I send them to my daughter in Montana.

My connection with the HHS was mostly in the genealogy line. My husband is of the Fitch family, an early settler in Perry Township, so genealogy is what I love the best. That is why you might notice that I do have quite a bit on the Fitch family and have lots more I can include. He is also of the DeLong family, and the Vandolah family, and the Hollopeters. I hope that others can develop their family lines for us, so we can continue to expand the website. We first have to use what we have

available, and then hope others will respond, as you did and give us more.

Our information will cover Perry Township, Huntertown, Eel River Township, and crosses township lines into Cedar Creek, and county lines slightly into DeKalb Co.
Many of the families lived on both sides of the lines.

I hope your mother gets along well with her operation. At 83 things like this are not easy. I have a 95 year old mother and my husband's mother lived to be 99 years old.

Let us hear from you, and hope you can help us with the Johnson, Kitmiller, and Martin families....and others in your line that might be of this area. Thanks again for tuning in our website and responding!! Hope it will continue to be of interest to you and your family.

Betty Fitch

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I am Renny Kitzmiller the son of Neal and Evelyn Jane (Johnson) Kitzmiller and grandson of George and Lucy Johnson the one with the Dillinger's gang of 1927. That garage was are home in the 40's my dad and few friends added 3 rooms to it. Yes, we have some photos of that place.

I enjoy all the calenders that my mother sent me. And like to see more in a few years with our family in them.

My grandma Lucy Johnson did run a food store on the north side of Henry Martin place and my great grandpa Henry Martin had a hardware store on the south side of the home with two apartments We were living above it. One of the Martin's children rented the back part while our family rented the front part. There are some photos of us kids taken around the place. By-the-way I was born right there in my grandpa George Johnson and grandma Lucy Johnson home. They used to live across Lima Road (State Road #3) from the Shoaff Store. I used to go there to buy ice cream alot.

E-mail me soon for more infomation on and whereabout of our family. My mother is or may now be in the hospital for surgery soon to remove a football size tumor from one of her kidneys. She's 83 years old now. She comes to Huntertown offen.
Thank you very kindly for your reply,soon.
Renny Kitzmiller

Renny Kitzmiller
Neal Kitmiller & Evelyn Jane Johnson -
George and Lucy Johnson
Henry Martin

Hi Betty,
It's so nice to hear from you. Is your family the one who lived across from the blacksmith shop? Will, that where my dad Neal Thompson Kitzmiller uses to go there to gamble with the other guys or maybe worked there too. I used to walk all around town seeing all the kids from school and down your home place I go to see the Abbott family. Forgot the two boys first name. Do you have their e-mail addresses?

The Thompson's place was a little log cabin north of town near the Methodist church and the house is still there all covered up with new siding and my dad and some members of other family helped my grandmother build a two car garage behind it and rise the home to put in a basement for her canning. Also first it was a Post Office, before the bank that Dillinger's gang robbed it. Back than it was a Post Office before my family moved and today it's some kind of printing company.

As I (Renny) was growing at Huntertown High School, in the 4th grade someone hit me on the head with a baseball bat and then I became hard of hearing. I've been a better person with a new hearing aid for all those years. The only two grades I did not pass was 1st and 4th. In the 4th is where I got hit on the head at recess time. Lots of kids around Huntertown think I was one of those retarded for learning. My brain worked beyonded more than any of the other's at Huntertown, Indiana. I'm a CAD worker for Dril-Quip company here in Houston, Texas we make downhole tools for other oil companies.

All of the others I'll tell you later on, like the Hollopeters twin girls, Bonnie Buckel, and Max Buckel family ETC.. Also other places around Huntertown.
Look like I better get to work now. See you soon.
Renny Kitzmiller

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 2/16/2004 6:33:10 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: dustydap22@comcast.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com, shirleyu@comcast.net
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Ms. Fitch and Ms. Underwood,

First, let me introduce myself. I am a 6th grade science teacher at Carroll Middle School. I am also taking a graduate class at IPFW that deals with local history. In fact, we actually have to do the research and write a paper. I have chosen to do the history of Northwest Allen County Schools. I am actually going to add some data from 5-10 years before the creating of the system.

I found your e-mail addresses on the website for the Huntertown Historical Society.

I was wondering what information you might have on the schools that were around previous to the creating of NACS and anything during the years of it's existence. I would be very thankful for anything that you have.

Thank you for your time.

Brett Windmiller

Given to Shirley to take care of.

Subj: **Re: Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 2/17/2004 12:18:39 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: shirleyu@comcast.net
To: dustydap22@comcast.net
CC: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Dusty,
I have a great deal of information for you. I just helped a young man from East Noble do the same thing. He said, " thanks for helping me with all the research."
I was happy to have the info for him.

I live in LaCabreah just off of DuPont. First left, first right, and second house on the left. 10617 Lantern Bay Cove villas. I babysit on Wednesdays,but any evening would be fine this week to pick up materials. Next week is fine also.
Shirley Underwood (I use to teach at Huntertown.)

Subj: **Re: HHS Cookbook**
Date: 4/6/2004 7:02:52 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: ygrimmer@altrionet.com
Reply-to: ygrimmer@yahoo.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Betty:

Thanks for responding - I get so many spam e-mails, that I thought that yours was, too, because I didn't remember writing about the Huntertown book. My memory does not serve me well sometimes since my stroke.

Yes, I would love to buy a book - I'll get my check to you soon.

I am a niece of Bertha Lewis and I lived in Huntertown in 1948-49, so you probably know her being the town is so small!

Best wishes
Yvonne Grimmer

---- Original Message ----
From: WFitch5413@aol.com
To: ygrimmer@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2004 6:31 AM
Subject: HHS Cookbook

Thanks, Yvonne, for your inquiry about our cookbook. At this time we do have just one in print, which is a small size, about 4 x 5. The recipes are those taken from some of the ladies of the church, about 1896 I believe. I do not have one in my hands at the moment. Shirley Underwood probably has them, however she may be hard to reach at this time. They had an family emergency and she had to help. Think she should be home in another week. So should you e-mail her, probably will not hear back for a few days.

We sell the cookbooks for $3.00 and probably won't take much postage to get one to you. I estimate about 2 stamps, surely no more than a dollar. We have mailed out our calendars, but so far not the cookbooks. We are just beginning in this endeavor so have much to learn. We have sold many of the cookbooks locally. This booklet will probably not give you exact recipes, but the type the ladies used back then. It is a neat little book though, looking back to another era.

I will tell Shirley of your request and if you decide you want one, let either of us know and we will see that it is in the mail as soon as possible. Thanks for checking out our website. We are hoping it will just get better and better.

Sincerely, Betty Fitch

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Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 4/4/2004 3:52:56 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: ygrimmer@altrionet.com
Reply-to: ygrimmer@yahoo.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello Betty

I'm interested in your cookbooks; would you send me the information?

Thanks
Yvonne Grimmer <ygrimmer@yahoo.com>

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 2/19/2005 2:25:47 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: khk54@msn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Thank you so much for having posted the information you have on Huntertown. I usually seem to hit dead ends on my GenWeb searches, but when I saw Huntertown, I knew would find some information! Thank you for all of the good work you do. My Duly and Stirlen lines thank you as well! When I have a chance to pull all of this together, I would be glad to contribute what we know of these families back to you.

Kristy Kunkle

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No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Anti-Virus.
Version: 7.0.300 / Virus Database: 265.8.8 - Release Date: 2/14/2005

Hello Kristy,

Thank you for all the kind words! We do hope that we can help some people with their family genealogy with what someone else might know. That is the way it works best. So, yes, we would appreciated what you have on the families that interest you and in which your ancestors can be found. We like to have it right down to the latest member, but usually that will never go on the website. At this time I try to not go beyond about 1920 in the family histories unless someone has passed away at a later date, but we like to have it all in our files so they will be there for future generations. There are exceptions where folks have given us their family histories in story form and seems no good place to stop. The living members do often get their photos on the web page though as there are so many interesting things that happened in later years of which we do have good photos.

So any genealogy of the family, photos, and stories are always welcome. Will be looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks again for visiting us.

Betty Fitch

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 5/9/2007 9:19:03 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: teresa1152@verizon.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

I have pictures of the demolition of the Huntertown Elementary School.
Could you please tell me what year that school was torn down, as I would like to date my pictures.

Thank you
Teresa

Sent E-Mail requesting more info.
In HHS E-MAIN File

Subj: **Huntertown School**
Date: 5/21/2007 5:13:12 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: teresa1152@verizon.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,

Small world I also went to Leo Schools.

I am sorry I did not give you more info, as the school I am talking about is the only one I remember.
My brother-in law graduated from there in the 1960's. When we moved her in 1978 my children went to this school
until the Carroll Jr. High and then on to Carroll High where they graduated in 1991 & 1994.
The school I am referring to was the school that was torn down and the elementary school there now replaced it.

There are 2 schools on the Huntertown website that look the same school with different names and dates. Huntertown School 1922 & Eel River/Perry School 1927.

I am in no hurry for any info you may find. I came across these pictures when I was sorting through over
30 years of pictures to put some in an album for my grandchildren. They like to look at pictures of there dad and uncle they never met.

I am sorry this is such a struggle for you. That was not my intention.

Teresa

Here are 2 pictures that I took. I have 8 more showing the tear down process.

Answered 5-25-07

Subj: **FW: RE: Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 6/15/2007 9:07:22 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: shirleyu@comcast.net
To: wfitch5413@aol.com

---------- Forwarded Message: ----------
From: "Garretson, Douglas M HNC" <Douglas.M.Garretson@hnd01.usace.army.mil>
To: <shirleyu@comcast.net>
Cc: <douggarretson@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Huntertown Historical Society
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 16:27:00 +0000

Shirley,

I found a bit of information on the Fair Family I am hoping that you can confirm or send me to someone who can. My GG Grandfather Lewis's older brother Andrew Garretson married a Hannah (as recorded in the 1860 and 1870 census for Wells County, Indiana). In the Indiana marriage records is an Andrew Garretson or Garrison marrying a Hannah Fair in 1854. The only Hannah Fair I could locate was the younger half-sister of GGG Grandmother (Lewis and Andrew's mother) Mary Fair.

I was able to get Andrew's son, Francis Danford Garretson's, death certi ficate off the Missouri state archives website. It lists Francis's mother as Hannah Fair. It appears from this data that Andrew married his mother's much younger half-sister.

Is there any way to confirm this? Was there more Hannah Fair's, cousins rather than half-sisters, in DeKalb or Wells County?.

I have moved from Europe and an now working in Huntsville, Alabama.

Thanks,

Douglas Garretson

-----Original Message-----
From: Garretson, Douglas M CIV DISA EUR
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 6:42 AM
To: 'shirleyu@comcast.net'
Subject: Huntertown Historical Society

Shirley,

Thank you. I was able to obtain considerable information off your society's website on GGGG Grandfather Peter and GGGGG Grandfather Charles Fair. Who was your point of contact for the Fair Family of DeKalb County, Indiana. My

GGG Grandfather William Garretson married Mary Fair, daughter of Peter Fair, and granddaughter of Charles Fair or Fare of Fredericks County, Maryland.

I am hoping that the Fair researcher might have information to help determine the origins of GGG William Garretson. I have traced him to 4 January 1825 in Miami County when William and Mary married, but can go no farther. Maybe the Fair family has more resources.

Thank you,

Douglas Garretson
douggarretson@aol.com

Doug,

Hope this isn't the 2nd e-mail I am sending to you on this.....I did formulate a letter to you the end of last week, but have searched high and low on my computer and cannot find a recent letter to you. Perhaps I failed to save it and am pretty sure I didn't send it, so will do it again.

Your question about Hannah Fair and if there were others in the area .....I don't know of any that would have been in that time frame to have been Andrew's wife. The only thing I have is the contract (which is on-line on our website) to Joseph Shyrock which gives all of those who were named in the distribution of part of Peter Fair's estate after he died.

The list there is quite complete and starts with MARY HARKRIDER and half way down the list gives HANNAH GARRISON. Both have been in the list of children that I have for Peter except of course, they had different mothers. Hannah Fair was a daughter of Peter and Sarah Surface. At least from the census records she appears to be a daughter. The early census records did not give relationships so it doesn't say daughter, but the fact that both are listed as being part of those to receive of Peter's estate says to me that they probably are.

As for birth records or death records of those who were born in DeKalb County, or died there, seems there is a problem. Since there was a fire in the court house and many records were destroyed I don't know if any of the Fair records are available. In searching other families of DeKalb Co. who were my husband's direct ancestors, I was able to come away with a few of them, but many were missing. That would be the only other way that you might determine if Hannah was indeed a daughter of Peter and Sarah. If not, she lived with them and shared in the estate.

It appears that both Mary and Hannah died in DeKalb County although they were not born there. Mary in Maryland, and Hannah in Montgomery Co., (or Miami) Ohio. Death certificates might be available for them.

Let us know if you find out other things about the Fairs and Garrison/Garretson families. Actually, I did not have Francis Danford Garretson in my file though I did have a census report on him. Pretty much determines that Garretson and Garrison are the same family in this case.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Will lists the children named in the disbursement of the property of Peter Fair. These were supposed to have been living when Peter died circa 1854. then will follow with the contract in which all were named.

Mary Harkrider
Sarah Ensey
Abraham Fair who married Christena DeLong
Elizabeth Long, Lung
Charles Fair
Louisa Simons who had married Peter Simons
Hannah Garrison
Peter Fair, Jr.
John Fair
Jacob Fair
Andrew Fair
Samuel Fair
Catharine Fair
Merchant Fair,
Henry Fair, who had died between 1853 and 1856
..... Gabriel Fair
.....Mary Fair
.....Christian Norman Fair, who married Francelia Fitch
.....George Fair
.....Sarah Fair
Sophia Surface who had married William Surface, Surfus, and died also between 1853-1856
.....Emanuel Surface
.....Peter Surface
.....Charles Surface
.....Nathaniel Surface
.....Abraham Surface
.....Colphinias Surface
.....Elizabeth Surface
.....Isaac Surface
Perhaps Rebecca, who may have been dead when her father died.
.....Lucinda Miller (possibly this is Lucinda Weller and not Miller) Rebecca was to have married

Samuel Weller

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 3/16/2007 10:55:40 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: rmolry@verizon.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Mrs. Fitch,

My name is Richard Olry and I have something that might be interesting. I inhereted from my step-grandmother a few years ago a mini "salesman sample" horsedrawn plow and cultivator made by a gentleman known as George Warner that owned a blacksmith shop in Huntertown. I was told by my grandmother before she died. I am trying to gather as much information as I can on this antique. If you have any info on this please call my home 260-447-0681 or my cell 260-750-1848.

Thanks for any info you can give me.

Richard M. Olry
Fort Wayne, In

rmolry@verizon.net

George Warner
1851-1923
Josephine Peguignot
1854-1939

Clara & Elsie

Father was John Warner
&
Solome Chase

Joseph & Elizabeth

Hi Richard,

So good to hear from you. I can give you what I have on a George Warner who may have been the blacksmith who made your sample.

Taken from a book that told of a young man's trip to his new home in Dutch Ridge at the northwest part of Perry Township. He was going in a wagon and was being told of all the people who lived in the houses they passed. He says this about a George Warner who lived in that area:

"From the booklet "Dutch Ridge Remembered - 1900" by Albert C.J. Ellett

"That's the George Warner home. He is the blacksmith and general repair man, and fits shoes on the horses. Across the road is his brother, John's home. A little further we will come to the Pequignot cabin. That was George Warner's wife's girlhood home. She was French. That big house ahead of us every-one knows as Aunt Mary's home. She is my mother (this is William Warner speaking) and Nora and I live there too."

"Let's back track to George Warner's. They have a small farm, 40 acres. A large garden and truck patch, a small field of corn, the balance of the land not taken by buildings given over to hay. George is busy in the blacksmith shop. The women take care of the garden, chickens, pigs and 2 cows. George fishes in the summer, hunts a few rabbits and traps in the winter. For recreation he makes violins, good ones as far as tone is concerned. George also takes care of a lot of bees. I never saw any of the family when they weren't happy."

"Mrs. George Warner's father, Mr. Pequignot, a real old Frenchman, lived in a little cabin a short distance north. The George Warners took good care of him and after his death the cabin stood empty."

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This information seems to fit the bill of perhaps the blacksmith.
I am not sure if I have the line of descendancy correct or not but have George, 1851-1923 and Josephine 1854-1939.

Georges father was John Warner and mother, Salome Chase.
Grandfather, Joseph Warner, and mother, Elizabeth Aaron.

Are you related to the Warner family?? If so I would like to have your family line. And I think it might be nice to have a photograph of your "Saleman's sample" if you have one or could take one and attach it to an e-mail to me. I would not tell who it belonged to; only who made it. But think it would be interesting for the web site to add this interesting story. We seldom think of a blacksmith making anything but shoeing horses and making tools, etc.

I cannot be sure of course, that this was the George Warner who was the blacksmith, but it would seem likely. I have 5 George Warners in my file and this one seems to be the one who fits the bill. Thanks so much for sharing with us and if could send us a photo, that would be great.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Hello, Nannette,

Good to hear that you have discovered our website. We are trying to improve it as time goes on but do need the help of the community to add information. The Huntertown Historical Society has been alive since about 1998 and a few of the things we have done are to provide yearly calendars with photos of local people and buildings. We still have 4 years of the calendars for sale and they can be purchased locally I believe at the bank and perhaps the Northwest News office. Not sure about that last one. We also have displays at each Heritage Days celebration in the elementary school showing some of our pictures. So we have been around. Guess you just missed us!! Our meetings are the 4th Wednesday night of each month in the Town Hall. You are welcome to drop in anytime.

About the Greenwell family.....we do not have a lot of information. I am waiting on someone who is a relative to come up with some of the family history. As yet, we have had requests, but no family genealogy. I can give all that I have at the moment. I have the following on Dr. Franklin Greenwell and his family:

DR. FRANKLIN GREENWELL, Obituary from the Journal Gazette

GREENWELL FUNERAL PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Funeral Services for DR. FRANKLIN GREENWELL, the oldest practicing physician in Allen County, who died at his home in Huntertown Saturday morning, will be held in Huntertown Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be in charge of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and REV. ARTHUR J. FOLSOM, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, and REV. ROBERT LITTLE, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Huntertown Cemetery.

The services were delayed because of the uncertainty of the arrival of L. C. HUNTER, formerly of Fort Wayne, now a resident of Los Angeles, who is returning to Huntertown to attend the funeral services of his uncle. Word was received last evening from Mr. Hunter, stating that he will arrive in Huntertown this evening.

Dr. Greenwell's widow, MRS. MARY JANE GREENWELL, was a daughter of MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HUNTER, the settlement now known as Huntertown having been named after her father. Besides the widow, one daughter, one granddaughter and the nephew L. C. Hunter, two brothers, L. C. GREENWELL and G. W. GREEN-WELL, both residing in Perry Township also survive.

Dr. Greenwell was the first president of the Allen County Fair Association and was a member of that enterprise his entire life. He was also president of the Huntertown Bank for many years.

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There was possibly a son by the name of Franklin H. Greenwell. There was a burial in 1879 on the same Lot as the Dr. and Mary Greenwell, #366A.

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1910 Census of Allen Co., IN, shows a Franklin Greenwell, in index and as follows:

Franklin Greenwell.....59.....born IN.....lives Perry Twp.....ED 19/ page 15B
Indicates 1851 birthdate (I do not have the complete census)

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1880 Census of Huntertown, Allen Co., IN, page 192B

Franklin Greenwell.....married.....male, 29.....Physician.....born IN
Father and mother both born MD (indicates an 1851 birthdate)

Subj: **James Ellis Ballou Home [15635 Lima Road] Huntertown**
Date: 2/17/2005 5:34:56 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: rleandres@netscape.net
To: wfitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello,

We've been doing a partial restoration since the summer of 2000.

We need help with the date of construction.

County tax records go back to 1901 however horse hair plaster had been discontinued by that time. We've gotten two dates 1887 and 1882 (which I think is correct) would appreciate any information you might have.

Thanx,
Rich Andres

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Hello Rich,

Sorry to take so long to get back to you, but was trying to exhaust our resources on something that might give you a date for your home. However, do not find anything in our files that give us that. No one I talked to knew where to turn. If your searches into abstracts and other records haven't given you such a date, it may be hard to determine for sure. We have little on the Ballou name. Probably you do not have an abstract in this day and age, but searching through the previous owners might give a hint of either when it was built or a contact that might have an answer.

Sorry, that we do not, but we are pretty much dependent on the information that is given to us by local residents and descendants of some of these families. We are fairly new into this area of genealogy and we are hoping that by having a website of our own, we would hear from others in the area who had information to share with us. In some cases that has been so but many are still finding us on line.

If you haven't tried, perhaps the Allen Co. Public Library might be of some help to you. If you give them your problem they can probably tell you which books you need to look at to find builders etc. Usually a family had a builder and crew come in to put up the house. My mother's family did that and lived in the barn for a few months while the new house was being constructed. Often the builders lived with the family while the work was being done. In my mother's case they tore down the old house, saving the outside summer kitchen to be used, and the family and the workers all slept in the barn. I was unaware that the tax records did not go back further in Allen Co. That is interesting and leaves a gaping hole in our research, doesn't it? Probably census reports would not be of much use either since they jump from 1880 to 1900.

Well, I do hope you find an answer and share it with us if you do. Wish we could help you more.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

PS. Try Arch

Hello Kristy,

Good to hear from you. Wish I could help in your search for old obituaries but the only thing I know where you might find your answers would be in the Allen County Public Library where they do have copies of the old Journal Gazette and News Sentinal newspapers. I don't know how far they go back and I believe you have to make a trip there to really search them. They are adding more and more things on line but so far I have not had success in getting the obits on line. But as far as I know that is the only local newspapers that were printing early and in those days they did cover all of Allen County in their news and obits.

Just a little north of Allen County, in Noble County, the Avilla News was published after 1890. The small library at Avilla has printed a couple of books on the news articles from about 1890 on to after the beginning of the new century. Since Huntertown is close to the north county line, there are some folks who lived close enough to Noble County, to be included in those. But in looking through them, I haven't found many references to Huntertown folks.....just a few. Depending on who you happen to be looking for, they may be out of your territory.

If there were other newspapers I am not aware of them at this time. Other possibilities might be to check on the DeKalb Co. Web Site (to which there should be a link on our web site) and check out information on DeKalb County people as many of those also lived on the county line or just over the line. Many families, just as my husband's, owned property on both sides of the line.

The local Huntertown newpaper at the present time is the "Northwest News" which is a part of what used to be the "Tri-County News". I don't know who owns it now, but you might be able to see how far back it goes and what territory it covered as the Tri-County News. I know we lived in Avilla in the 1950's and at that time they Avilla News, part of the Tri-County News, had an office in Avilla. No longer there, but library folks there might be very helpful. I believe that it also covered Kendallville and perhaps Albion.

As for our own organization we do not have a place to keep old newspapers, etc., at the present time so we have nothing you could review except for the web site. We are at the mercy of the local folks to give us our information. Should you find obits for the local folks that are not on the web site, we would love to have them also. Or if you want to give us the names of those you are looking for, we might then be watching for those folks to appear and get back with you. We do not have the man power (or woman power) to do research for genealogy at the present time. I would love to do that, but "life" gets in the way.

Sorry I couldn't help more.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Also added info on
Ancestry.com
where they might find
if their ancestor has a
newspaper reference.

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 6/7/2006 3:03:57 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: khk54@msn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

I am trying to find out what newspapers may have been in existence in 1874 for the area of Huntertown and vicinity. Do yu have any idea? And, might the Historical Society know where to find records of the old papers to look for obits? Thanks so much, Kristy

Subj: **Kell-Hatch Families**
Date: 5/8/2006 9:01:52 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: ormistpj@msn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

While doing genealogy research on my wife's ancestry, I found further information on the Kell family to Hatch family connection. On your Huntertown website, you show an Amelia E. as the wife of Theron Hatch and an Amelia E. Kell as the daughter of Jacob and Catherine [Weimer] Kell. I believe that the two Amelia's are one and the same for the following reasons:

The Allen county marriage records show a T.V. Hatch married M.E. Kell on 28-Sep-1869. I believe the "M" to be an error.

I spoke with Vera Agnes [Hatch] Christie last week to verify the connection. She confirmed that her grandparents were Theron and Amelia [Kell] Hatch. Vera's father was Clinton Hatch, Theron's son.

Hope this information is helpful.

Pat Ormiston
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Answered my thanks
changed on website + FTM

Subj: **Roy CD**
Date: 4/27/2004 8:39:23 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: ormistpj@msn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Betty,

I just finished burning a CD and I'll mail it tomorrow. I used a Mini-CD so it would fit in a standard envelope.
It will work in your computer CD drive. Let me know if the CD survived the mail journey.

Thanks,
Pat

Patrick J. Ormiston
4504 Baird Rd
Ft. Wayne, 46818

Subj: **Roy Ancestry**
Date: 4/1/2004 8:01:23 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: ormistpj@msn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Betty,

I recently visited the Huntertown Historical Society website. I have some information that I thought you may be interested in. I have a photo of the 3rd MARTIN Family Reunion (1918) at the Roy Farm. It includes some of the Hand family also. I also have some of the ROY Family records, but have only recently began organizing their family tree.
If you would be interested in any of this, let me know.

Regards,
Pat Ormiston
Fort Wayne, Indiana
ormistpj@msn.com

Hi Pat,

Thanks so much for contacting us. We always need more about our local families. In fact when I got your e-mail I went to the website to see just what I had about the Roy family, and found it was not even connected!! I am not sure what happened, but what I have now is on line under "Roy" on the family page. It isn't much so will be very glad when you can fill us in on the family and where it is today.

Normally we don't put on the website "living" people except for the newspaper articles, etc. and obits that we find. We realize these have already been out to the public so it doesn't matter so much. We would like to have your line down to today, but will only put on those who were born before about 1920. Someday we may add the present generations, but would like permission when you get your family worked out to be able to send it on to others of the family who might be interested should they contact us. I have found quite a few "unknown" cousins on line that way.

Things we are interested in are the ancestors as far back as you have, dates and places of birth, marriages, deaths, and children, where they lived and went to school. Interesting stories about the family are also welcome as well as photos. I don't know if you saw the Martin reunion photo that was on the website. It is (at this time) one that does not have a title, but you can recognize it as a whole bunch of people in front of a brick house. (on page 1) Check to see if it is the same as the one you have. I read from that photo that it was the Martin reunion of 1916 so may be a different year. If it isn't the same we would like to be able to scan it into our computer and put it on the website too. We also do make copies for our displays on Huntertown Heritage days. Not every photo every year, but we use as many as we can, and for our calendars also. The photos for the coming year's calendar have already been chosen though and the calendar is in the works. Or the other thing is that we probably don't have the names of all those in the photo and might need some help with that.

We would like to borrow the photo if possible if it is a different one, so that we can scan it into the computer. Makes a much better picture on the website than one that is just a laser copy. Many of our photos are just that, laser photos, and so when we can copy the actual photo we have a much better job.

Do you live close by? And are you related to Shirley Ormiston who is the seamstress? I used to work at the Singer Co., and JoAnn Fabrics and Shirley was a very good customer. I noted your address is Fort Wayne, which could be most anywhere in the area. If so perhaps we could pick up the photo if you could part with it for a while. We also would be interested in some family pictures, or husbands and wives of the older families should you have any of those.

Shirley Underwood is working on the photos, but has been helping out her son and daughter-in-law for the past week. May not be ready for the photo until they return, but it shouldn't be long. We do have our meetings at the Town Hall in Huntertown on Wednesday nights. The next one should be the 28th and we meet at 7 p.m. Let us know when you get some form of family record completed and we will be glad to post it on the Roy family corner. Check it out now to see what is there. Sorry it was out of commission when you were on line. As I said I hadn't realized it wasn't working, but it is now.

Thanks so much for contacting us. Hope you will find the photos and the information about all the families interesting and maybe you will find out something new about your family if folks start sending us their information. That is our hope and dream, that everyone get involved. I find genealogy so much fun.

Thanks again, Betty Fitch

Subj: **Hi!**
Date: 8/27/2003 8:20:07 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: jokaymor@rcn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Betty,

I notice in the HHS web site you credit a guy named John Rohde from Maryland for the information on the Reason Tuckers (my relation through his daughter Rebecca, who married James Vandolah–their daughter Frances married Mathias Fitch).

Anyway, I was wondering if you had any contact information for him. I'd like to test my hypothesis that the Vandolahs were of Quaker descent. The Tuckers, being from Frederick, Maryland, very well could have been.

Looking forward to my next visit to Huntertown. Angie Quinn and I are going to meet with Pastor Lois Watkins from the Wesleyan Church and go pay a visit to Mrs. Knott, this time with a digital camera and tape recorder.

Alex

Answered 8-28-2003 ROHTUCK@worldnet.att.net

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 3/12/2008 6:07:34 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: jokaymor@mchsi.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Betty--

The web site's looking fantastic these days with all the new updates. I've been enjoying getting reacquainted with it and thought I'd share some information you might find interesting.

For starters, I came across a biographical sketch of a woman named Mary A. Straub, one of the first females admitted to join the ministry of the Universalist Church. She attended the Huntertown Universalist Church and both she and a brother became ministers. They lived in Butler Township and were related to the Bassetts. This sketch came from a 19th-century book about the church's women leaders: http://books.google.com/books?id=GQK3D5X9E4kC&pg=RA6-PA493&lpg=RA6-PA493&dq=huntertown+universalist+church&source=web&ots=YDFaz80-8s&sig=AK76qHZKBY7aN9RZhv_8G5XX5vE&hl=en#PRA6-PA494,M1

If you have difficulty with that link, try googling "Our Women Workers: Women Eminent in the Universalist Church for Literary, Philanthropic and Christian Work" by the Harvard Divinity School's Andover-Harvard Theology Library. Mary Straub is on page 492. The DeKalb County GenWeb site gives a fair sketch of the Straub family.

Otherwise interesting in the book is the sketch of a woman by the name of Ballou. She is married to a minister of the Ballou family, founders of the Universalist Church in America and most definitely English. They are related to the same family tree (Maturin Ballou) that appears on the Ballou family page in the Historical Society's web site. I think someone just assumed they were French because the name looks like it could be a French name, but this should lay that idea to rest.

Another finding I'd like to share. I didn't save the location of the information when I came across it, but I see you're looking for anything else you can find on Charles Weeks. I saw in a listing of Allen County's earliest court records that he and his wife divorced in 1828 or 1832.

Otherwise, I'm quite intrigued as I may have mentioned before by the sheer number of families that had roots in Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio before coming to this area. I'm planning to do more research to see what the connection was. I know that at least some of them were part of a big United Brethren congregation there. Hope you are well. I'm enjoying life back home in Indiana. I'm in the Cedar Canyons area near my folks, Leo address.

Alexander Jokay
jokaymor@mchsi.com

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Biography of Joseph Straub, page 503 / 504. History De Kalb County, Indiana. Inter-State Publishing Company, Chicago, 1885.

Joseph Straub is of German Ancestry. He came from Marion County, Ohio, in 1835, with his wife and three children and settled in Butler Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., where he bought a half section of land from the Government, of which he cleared about forty acres. In 1842 he sold his land and removed to Carroll County, where he farmed five years, and in 1847 returned to this county, where he bought a quarter section, and here he resided till his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1860, on his fifty-ninth birthday. His wife survived till June, 1881, when she died at th home of her daughter, Mrs. L.S. Bassett, which adjoins the old homestead. Eight children were born to them--- Henry, farming in Dakota; Susan (deceased); Simon Peter, who lives on the homestead farm; Jacob, a Universalist minister; Margaret Ann, Maria, Barbara Elizabeth, wife of L.S. Bassett of Butler Township, and Solomon W., residing at Woodlawn Park, near Chicago. Rev. Jacob Straub entered the ministry in 1860 and has become a prominent minister of the Universalist denomination. He has preached at Dowagiac, Mich., five years; Lansing, Mich., seven years; Muskegon, Mich., four years. He then engaged in literary pursuits for two years, living in Chicago and preaching irregularly, and for the past seven years he has been pastor at Marseilles, Ill. He is the author of "Consolations of Science," which has received favorable notice from scientific and religious thinkers in Europe and America. He intends to devote his future years to literary pursuits. Mary Ann Straub has been in the Universalist ministry five years, filling the pulpit at Castalia, Iowa, for three years. She now resides in Woodl Park, Ill. She has composed many Sunday-school hymns and has also written an unpublished work for women. Maria Straub also resides at Woodlawn Park. She has a volume of poems almost ready for publication, and has also written much sacred music. She is the regular correspondent of the"Religious Telescope." Dayton, Ohio. Prof. S.W. Straub has mad music, vocal and instrumental, his life's work. He has conducted musical conventions for many years, and has published a dozen or more musical books, including several Sunday-school books which are extensively used. Those best known are "Morning Light' and "Living Fountain," for Sabbath-schools. He has also published "Convention, Choir and Anthem Treasures" for choir purposed, and also some sheet music. He founded "Song Friend," a musical periodical now in the sixth volume, which se still conducts in connection with general music publishing in Chicago. His son, Arthur M., is a pianist of promise. He is now teaching and studying music. Henry Straub, his eldest son, has been Justice of the Peace for many years.

Submitted by:
Arlene Goodwin
Auburn, Indiana
Agoodwin@ctlnet.com

Hi Randy,

Sorry that I can't give you a lot of information on the house. Like exactly when it was built. I may be able to find out, but at the moment do not know for sure except that it has been around a long time. Most of the houses in this area like that would have been built between 1850 and 1870. The area was settled in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Most did not built there bigger homes for a few years after they first came.

The house is in good condition and has been lived in by local families and the last person, who lives in it now, was very much interested in antiques and history so he may know a little more. He was the one who discovered the obituary of Jacob Hillegass and gave it to us. The house sets off the road in a group of trees and has always been impressive. I pass it often on my way to Huntertown.

But everything I know about the Hillegass family is on our web site. Check it out if you haven't on the Family History section under Hillegass. If you have specific questions that you want answered perhaps we can find an answer but all I have now is on the web site. In case you didn't copy down our website address it is
huntertownhistoricalsoc.org

Perhaps you can find a connection between your family and this Hillegass family.
Let us know if you want us to pursue other questions. Thanks for finding us.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

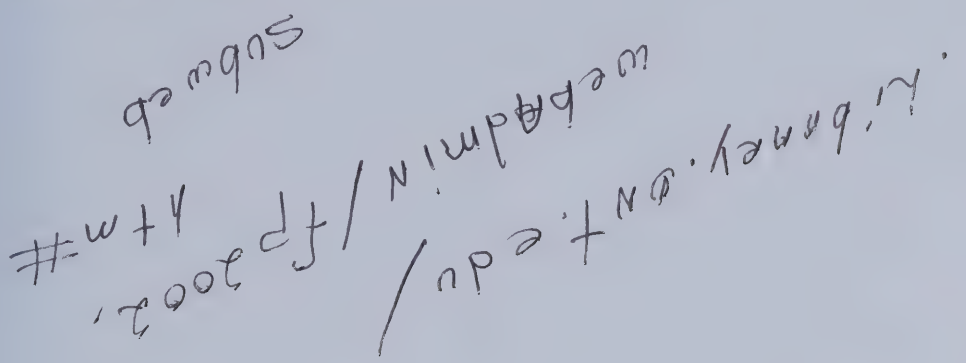
Subj: **Hillegass House**
Date: 2/4/2007 5:57:49 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: musician@yellowbananas.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello Betty,

I was searching the web for Hillegass images and came across the Hillegass House on your site. What is the history of this house? Who lived there? I am from Bedford COunty, Pennsylvania and a member of the Bedford County Historical Society. I would appreciate any information you could provide me.

Thank you

Randy Hillegass (814) 935-3879



Hi Jerry,

Sorry to have been so long in getting back to you, but things have been very hectic around our house this past week or so.

The photo on page 2 of the Garman family is of the grandchildren of Enoch and Mary Warner.

Back row: Edgar Garman, Walter Tonkel, Lester Garman, David Garman and
Clarence Myers.

Middle row: Dora, Roxy, and Belle Garman
Front row: Edith and Lottie Garman

Edgar is the son of Frank
Lester is the son of Eli
David is the son of William
Clarence, the son of Mary Ann
Belle (Elizabeth Belle) married Walter Tonkel
Edith was the daughter of William
Lottie was the daughter of George

I do not have a for sure ID of Dora and Roxy. So this was a photo of some of the cousins. Dora and Roxy may have other formal names I so far I have not determined what families they belong to.

Thanks for contacting us. Would like to have your family in our files. Perhaps you can e-mail me your family line and how it goes back to Enoch and Mary Garman. I do not find a Garman and a Friend marriage in my file so your connections would be helpful. I do have some Friends in the file. Dates of birth, marriage, etc. would also be appreciated. Hope this clears up the photo for you ..... this is an interesting group of young people and look like they were having a good time!

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 4/30/2006 4:00:36 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: jlfriend52@hotmail.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Good morning,

I was looking at your website and found an interesting photo on page 2 that was entitled the Garman Family. I have some ancestors that were Garmans who lived in the Dutch Ridge area of Allen County. Do you know if the people in the photo on page 2 have been identified?

I know that Enoch Garman and his wife, Mary Ellen Warner had about a dozen children. Enoch is buried in Dutch Ridge Cemetery. Is there any chance that this photo may be that of some of their children?

If you know of any identification on this photo, I would be very happy to know who they are.

Thanks,

Jerry

Edgar, Walter Tonkel, Lester, David
Dora, Ropy, Belle
Edith, Lottie Gar
Clarence Myers

Edgar son of Frank
Lester, son of Ele
David son of Wm.
Clarence, son of Mary Ann
Walter m. Eliz Belle Yarmon
Edith, dau Wm.
Lottie dau. George

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 1/8/2005 9:29:02 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: nhunt2@verizon.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Ms. Fitch,

I am a descendant of Morris Tucker and Elizabeth Stevens of Salisbury, MA.
I discovered on your web site a fascinating history that Mirabel Tucker had written about her family.
I would like permission to enter into my family tree some of the historical notes of the Tuckers,i.e. John & Elizabeth Lucas, John Jr. and Mary Ward, Horace and Albert of Ohio.
My Tucker line is:
Morris & Elizabeth Stevens
Benony & Ebenezer Nichols (Salisbury,MA VR spells her name with an "E")
Ezra & Bathsheba Sargent
Ezra (Lt) and Hepsibah Pressey
Nathan & Lydia Stevens
Ezra & Judith Burbank
GEORGE W. & ,MARY JANE MCCLINTOCK

Thank you again for your interesting history of the Tuckers.
Nancy Hunt ==nhunt2@verizon.net
Exeter, NH

Jane Turner
13 - 10:00
Illness.

Dear Nancy,

Thanks so much for your e-mail. We are always happy when someone finds items of interest in their family search. Perhaps you might share some of your family history with us of the later generations. Apparently I didn't have a Nathan Tucker for Ezra and Hepsibah. So anything you have about Nathan down to you and your family would be appreciated. I normally don't put people on the web page if they are still living but do like to keep them in our files in case others write in and are interested in meeting some of their "cousins.

It is fine for you to add our information and facts to your family history. The information on the website was given to us, the historical society, by a local member of the Tucker family. I believe the problem comes when you try to publish your genealogy in print and for profit. Mirabel Tucker is no longer living. This was written some time ago and the information given to us to use and for publication on the web page. None of the facts, dates of births, marriages, deaths, etc. could ever be under a copy write and are in the "public domain" to be found and used by anyone, so the only problem would ever be if you were to use the exact words of someone else in writing something to be published or printed mainly for sale. I believe it is always best when using someone else's words to give them the credit for it. In this case just saying this was the work of Mirabel Tucker found on the Huntertown Historical Society web page would cover any bases for you. This is the way I add stories to my notes on my Family Tree Maker. Our aim is to give and to share. So enjoy!

Betty Fitch
Huntertown Historical Society

P.S. If you send us information would like not only names and dates, but places if you have them. Do I understand that you are from New Hampshire?? My husband's Fitch family goes a long way back in Connecticut, back to the Puritans, and we had a wonderful trip following the steps of some of his ancestors in that state.

Dear Betty,
Thank you for your reply. I will gladly furnish information on my Tucker side of the family. What I will do is send the information to you. Should I send it to the historical society. I would need an adress in case I can't find it in my file. (ha, ha)
I do not intend to publish any information I discover.I will give credit to the society.

Nancy Hunt

Pat Ormiston — ORmistpj@msn.com
Roy family — sent Roy GEDCOM

Renny Kitzmiller — RENdell@ARGOLINK.net
Johnson family

Brent Windmiller — dustydap22@comcast.net
6th Grade teacher
at Carroll — turned over to Shirley

Yvonne Grimmer — ygrimmer@yahoo.com
niece of Bertha Lewis
interested in Cookbook

Charles Junior Richards — cjrichards@charter.net
Has some photos for us

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 9/18/2005 10:41:09 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: 2mookie@adelphia.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

hi...how are things going....I got a notice in the mail the other day about ordering The Book...Allen County Families History Book...do they want me to pay more or what...I thought I already pre-paid for the book....do they have a record of me paying them?...would you check for me please....if they need more money...I will send it...if not...either way ...will you let me know...thanks...found out more about the family....will tell you more later...take care and enjoy your day...

Lena Slauf
2mookie@adelphia.net
http://users.adelphia.net/~2mookie

Subj: **book**
Date: 9/18/2005 10:42:49 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: 2mookie@adelphia.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

hi again....about the message before...or was that the money...that I sent...for joining a membership...I have slepted since then....so I am not sure...thanks again....

Lena Slauf
2mookie@adelphia.net
http://users.adelphia.net/~2mookie

Subj: **book**
Date: 12/29/2005 9:16:08 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: 2mookie@adelphia.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

hi....have a question for you....I sent a check to the Huntertown Liberary or the one in town...about the book on Allen County History Book and the history of Huntertown and the people that lived there earlier...they said the book would not be ready until about August...well anyway...I sent a check in October I think...and they still have not cashed it...I have not gotten a record from the bank yet on it...the check was for $70.45...and I also sent a check for $21.50...that one was cashed...can you help me on this...who do I call or send an e-mail to find out about this...thanks

Lena Slauf
2mookie@adelphia.net
http://users.adelphia.net/~2mookie

Hi Lena,

I have no way of find out what might have happened to your check. I know there is a meeting on January 4th about the book, and I suppose perhaps not all the checks have been cashed. However I would suggest you do one of the following to get to the bottom of this:

Call 260-387-2905 and ask for someone who is in finances there. This is the phone number for the Allen Co. History book staff.

e-mail info@allencountyhistorybook.com

In your e-mail explain your situation and address the questions either to Katie Bloom or to Larry Sutton. Katie is one of the heads of the staff and Larry is listed as one of the financial people.

Go on line to http://allencountyhistorybook.com and download the order form. On this form you will find the above phone number and all the people who are involved with the book. I am sure someone can explain what is going on and what kind of a schedule they are on at the moment.

I understand that probably your $70 check was for the book. I do not know what the $21.50 may have been and why one was cashed and one was not. But surely one of those folks can explain that to you.

If I get to the Jan. 4th meeting perhaps they will have answers for me, but I suggest you contact them yourself. At this time I haven't heard anything from them about the time line of the publishing of the book. I think they have extended it so as to give people more time, but do not know what the schedule is at the moment. I have not heard anything now since the beginning. I may not be able to get to that meeting anyway. Will try to fit it in, but have other things that day that must be done also.

Hope they can clear this up for you. But if Katie can't, then I am sure she can direct you to someone who can.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 5/13/2009 10:13:30 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: natesmith@embarqmail.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

My name is Nathan Smith.I am a member of the Whitley county historical society.I am producing a DVD about a man named Willits.He wrote a great 40 page story aobut growing up in Collamer Indiana in the 1860,s and 70's.At the beginning of the story he tells how his parents who redisde in Swan twp afte arriving here by canal boat were married in Huntertown in a little church in 1853.
I would like to know if I could use your pic of 1870 lima rd fo rthe DVd,and if you could tell me if there are any church buildings that would have been ther in 1853?
thank you
Sincerely Nate Smith

Gave Nathan permission to use the photo
also told him of the 2 churches built at the time
Methodist Episcopal and Universalist
Not sure of the Presbyterian

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 4/1/2009 10:19:00 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: gcorbin02@bellsouth.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hello,

I found some content on your web page for the Hunterstown Historical Society and I would like to ask the author of the content if I may reference the material, and also inquire as to whether or not source citations exist for the facts/dates published. The article was "The Enoch Garman Family" by Shirley Meighan, and it is published in the Family Histories section of your site under the GARMAN surname. Are you able to forward my request to the author and ask her to reply to this e-mail address with her response?

My ancestors include descendants of the Catherine Garman/John Rinehold family, and I am very interested in updating my information with relevant facts from this union.

By the way, I enjoyed viewing the material on your site, and I think you have created a wonderful site for Hunterstown!

Thank you,
Glenn Corbin
GCorbin02@Bellsouth.net

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1 Adam German b: December 13, 1750 in Berks Co., PA
.. +Eve Anna Elizabeth Peter b: 1755
..... 2 John Johannes German b: Abt. 1799 in Heidelberg Twp., Northampton (became Lehigh), PA d: March 06, 1841 in Republic, Seneca Co., Ohio
..... +Elizabeth Unknown
..... 3 Enoch Garman b: January 28, 1824 in Lehigh Co., PA..... or Jan. 24 from cemetery records d: March 27, 1895
..... +Mary E. Warner b: August 01, 1832 m: November 23, 1850 in Allen Co, IN d: October 05, 1905 in burial records say 1906
..... 3 Israel Garman b: December 14, 1825
..... *2nd Wife of John Johannes German:
..... +Salome Kistler b: May 18, 1809 in Lynn Twp., Northampton Co., PA d: November 14, 1886 in Prob. Perry Township, Allen Co., IN
..... 3 Lucy Lucinda Garman b: March 11, 1827 in Pennsylvania d: in name in cem. records but no date of death
..... +Samuel Frederick b: January 20, 1822 in Pennsylvania d: March 30, 1895
..... 3 Maria Garman b: March 11, 1827
..... 3 Harriet Garman b: August 23, 1828 d: 1911
..... +Solomon Myers b: Abt. 1818 in PA d: 1900
..... 3 Catherine Garman b: November 25, 1829 in Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, PA d: March 31, 1908
..... +John Rinehold b: January 07, 1826 in West Cocalico Township, Lancaster Co., PA m: December 21, 1848 in Scipio Township, Seneca County, Ohio d: June 14, 1912 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN
..... 3 Lewis Garman b: June 10, 1832 d: March 03, 1856
..... 3 Edwin Garman b: November 01, 1834
..... 3 John Adam Garman b: November 01, 1834
..... 3 Benjamin Franklin Garman b: March 26, 1838 in Seneca County, Ohio d: in still living in 1920 census
..... +Rachel b: 1838 d: 1877
..... *2nd Wife of Benjamin Franklin Garman:
..... +Amanda b: 1840
..... 3 William Harrison Garman b: October 05, 1840

Descendants of John Johannes German

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..... +Mary E. Warner b: August 01, 1832 m: November 23, 1850 in Allen Co, IN d: October 05, 1905 in burial records say 1906
..... 3 Mary Ann Garman b: Abt. 1852 in Indiana by 1880 census d: 1929
..... +Milton T. Myers b: August 31, 1847 in Allentown, PA d: July 08, 1914 in his home, Perry Twp., Allen Co., IN
..... 3 John W. Garman b: Abt. 1855
..... 3 William Henry Garman b: Abt. 1856 in Indiana, by 1880 census
..... +Mary E. Reese b: Abt. 1860 in Indiana, by 1880 census m: 1877 in Allen Co, IN d: April 04, 1899 in near Collingwood, Perry Twp., Allen Co., IN
..... 3 George W. Garman b: 1858 d: 1929
..... +Rose B. Hensinger b: 1860 d: 1948
..... 3 Frank Garman b: 1864 in (Amos Franklin?) d: 1912
..... +Jane E. Hensinger b: 1869 d: 1956
..... 3 Eli H. Garman b: Abt. 1864 d: Abt. December 23, 1947 in at home of daughter, 6 miles south of Auburn, IN
..... +Emma Kruse b: July 16, 1868 in Jackson Township, DeKalb Co., IN m: December 01, 1887 d: 1941 in at her home in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN
..... 3 Joseph E. Garman b: 1866 d: 1953
..... +Emma Lochner b: 1868 d: June 14, 1938 in Tues. 2:30 at home in Perry Twp., Allen Co., IN
..... 3 Mahlon Garman b: September 04, 1868 d: September 29, 1917
..... +Mary Lochner
..... 3 Jeremiah Garman b: 1870 d: 1963
..... +Lillie Bell Myers b: 1876 m: April 21, 1892 in Allen County, IN d: 1927
..... 3 Delbert A. Garman b: Abt. 1874 d: 1917 in probable death date by cemetery records
..... +Myrtle
..... 2 Israel Garman b: December 14, 1825
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..... 3 Amos Frederick b: 1859 d: 1929
..... +Julia A. b: 1861 d: 1942
..... 3 Sarah Frederick b: 1857
..... 3 Salome Frederick b: Abt. 1861
..... 3 Samuel Frederick b: Abt. 1863
..... 3 Alice Frederick b: Abt. 1865
..... 3 Emeline Frederick b: Abt. 1867
..... 2 Maria Garman b: March 11, 1827
..... 2 Harriet Garman b: August 23, 1828 d: 1911
..... +Solomon Myers b: Abt. 1818 in PA d: 1900
..... 3 Mary A. Myers b: Abt. 1849
..... 3 Sarah Myers b: Abt. 1853
..... 3 Julia Myers b: Abt. 1861
..... 3 Emma Myers b: Abt. 1862
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..... 3 William Rinehold b: October 08, 1849 in Scipio Twp., Seneca, Ohio d: March 10, 1937 in Granger, Yakima County, WA
..... +Henrietta DeLong b: November 29, 1851 in Allen County, IN m: September 01, 1870 in Allen County, IN d: February 22, 1877 in Churubusco, Allen County, IN
..... *2nd Wife of William Rinehold:
..... +Ellen Newcomer b: May 15, 1854 in Bryan, Williams County, Ohio m: December 25, 1877 in Williams County, Ohio

..... *3rd Wife of William Rinehold:
..... +Sarah Ellen Grubb b: Abt. 1855 in Illinois m: 1920
..... 3 Amos Rinehold b: January 25, 1851 in Scipio Twp., Seneca, Ohio d: November 09, 1933 in Auburn, DeKalb Co., IN
..... +Ottilia Flicker b: February 15, 1851 in Baden, Germany m: December 21, 1871 in Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio
..... 3 John Rinehold b: January 25, 1851 in Scipio Twp., Seneca County, Ohio d: January 03, 1933 in Chico, Butte Co., CA (or Jan. 3, 1925)
..... +Elizabeth Muhn b: March 15, 1853 in Indiana m: March 27, 1873 in Allen County, IN
..... 3 George Rinehold b: March 01, 1853 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: March 13, 1947 in home of son Clay, 6 miles southeast of Auburn, IN
..... +Ellen Elizabeth Burtzner b: February 14, 1855 in Butler Township, DeKalb Co., IN m: December 31, 1878 in German Reformed Church in Auburn, IN d: December 27, 1926
..... 3 Cynthia Lucinda Rinehold b: November 17, 1855 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: 1940 in Florida
..... +Isaac Dayton Gump b: April 1859 in Indiana m: March 29, 1879 in Allen County, IN
..... 3 Mary Ann Rinehold b: July 08, 1857 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: October 07, 1943 in Auburn, DeKalb Co., IN
..... +John David Williams m: November 01, 1878 in Allen County, IN
..... 3 Edwin Rinehold b: April 04, 1858 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: February 12, 1931 in Dutch Ridge, Perry Twp., Allen Co., IN or Auburn, DeKalb, IN
..... +Matilda Hollopeter b: January 08, 1868 in Indiana m: August 30, 1885 in Allen County, IN d: 1945
..... 3 Catherine Rinehold b: August 26, 1860 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: October 28, 1936 in Oakland, California
..... +Charles Lerell Hauser m: December 25, 1879 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN
..... *2nd Husband of Catherine Rinehold:
..... +Jacob Baker b: in of PA m: 1899 in Fresno, California
..... 3 Sarah Lovina Rinehold b: February 02, 1862 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: January 15, 1957 in New Boston, Wayne County, MI
..... +William Dudley Carnahan b: June 24, 1863 in Jackson Township, DeKalb Co., IN m: May 16, 1885 d: May 29, 1933 in Belleville, Wayne Co., MI
..... 3 Henry Lafayette Rinehold b: August 08, 1864 in Perry Township, Allen Co., IN d: June 17, 1957 in Auburn, DeKalb Co., IN
..... +Jane Smith b: December 08, 1865 m: September 06, 1889
..... *2nd Wife of Henry Lafayette Rinehold:
..... +Lovina Mae Warner b: October 29, 1871 m: August 02, 1891 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., IN d: March 25, 1933
..... 3 Eli Rinehold b: Abt. 1866
..... 2 Lewis Garman b: June 10, 1832 d: March 03, 1856
..... 2 Edwin Garman b: November 01, 1834
..... 2 John Adam Garman b: November 01, 1834
..... 2 Benjamin Franklin Garman b: March 26, 1838 in Seneca County, Ohio d: in still living in 1920 census
..... +Rachel b: 1838 d: 1877
..... 3 Mary E. Garman b: 1860
..... 3 Ann F. Garman b: 1867
..... 3 Laura Garman b: 1871
..... 3 Lewis B. Garman b: 1875
..... +Ella A. Crawford b: 1877 m: June 29, 1902 in Allen County, IN d: 1945
..... *2nd Wife of Benjamin Franklin Garman:
..... +Amanda b: 1840
..... 2 William Harrison Garman b: October 05, 1840

Hi Glenn,

Sorry it has taken me so long to get back with you, but I could not reach Shirley Meighan to get her permission to send out her e-mail address. Guess her husband prefers not to put it out since it is more his than hers. But I will send you her mailing address should you want to write to her about the Garman family.

Shirley Meighan
1818 Wendmere Lane
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825

We would very much like to have your line down from Catherine and John Rinehold to you if possible. I have not personally worked on the Garman family very much and have done little with the Rineholds also except to enter it into my FTM and onto the website. Possibly Shirley has more. She was not sure that she could help you but perhaps can refer you to someone who knows more.

Shirley is from the Enoch Garman family, and probably Catherine was his step-sister, though I have not proven that. Some on-line information helped to complete that family. If you want to give me your mailing address, I will send you what I have on the Catherine and John Rinehold family by mail. What I have is in my Family Tree Maker file. However, I do not have the sources listed since I did not know where they all came from. But you could compare it to what you have and see if there is agreement or not.

Hoping to hear from you and hope that Shirley will be able to help you.

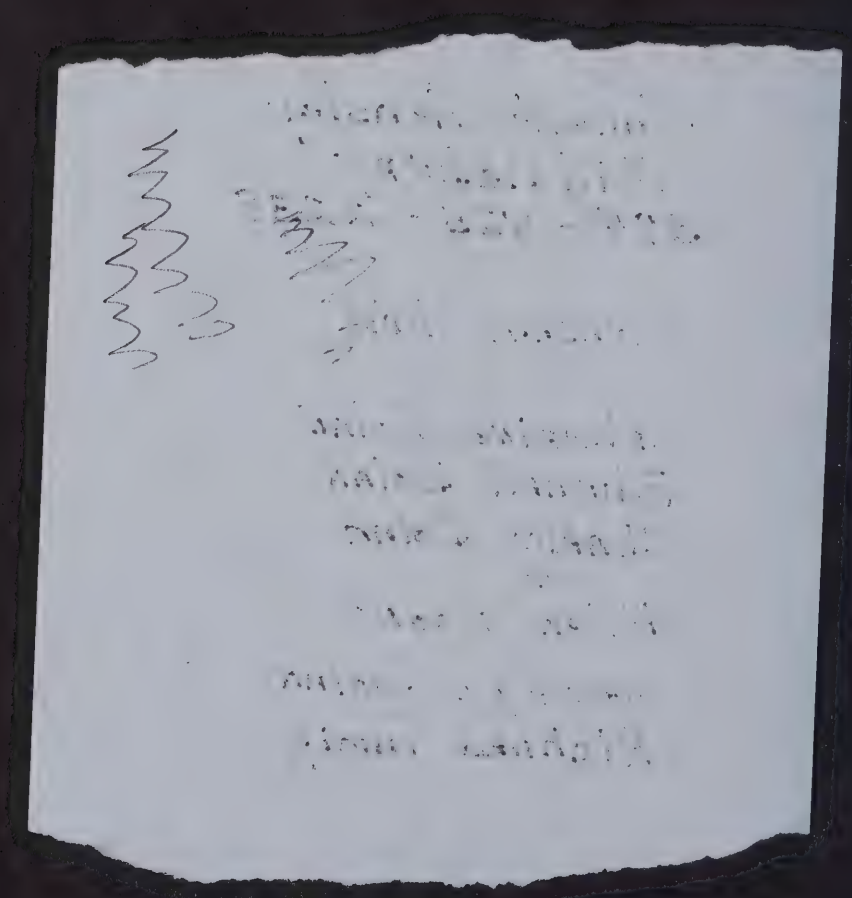
Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Janelle Hensley
Middlebury
574-825-2238

Pleasant Twp

Catherine Dolan
Edward Dolan
Charles Dolan
&
Ellen Koons

George Dolan
Richard family



Catheri

ne E.

Dolan

Home in 1880:	Wayne, Allen, Indiana
Age:	23
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1857
Birthplace:	Indiana
Relation to Head of Household:	Daughter
Father's Name:	Edward W.
Father's birthplace:	Maryland
Mother's Name:	Mary A.
Mother's birthplace:	Ohio
Neighbors:	View others on page
Occupation:	At Home
Marital Status:	Single
Race:	White
Gender:	Female
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	View Image
Idiotic or insane:	

Household Members:

Name	Age
Edward W. Dolan	50
Mary A. Dolan	43
Catherine E. Dolan	23
Mary A. Dolan	21
Charles J. Dolan	18
Edward M. Dolan	16
Mary E. Dolan	14

Isabel Dolan	12
Theresa Dolan	10
Jonathan Dolan	8
Jennie C. Dolan	6
Albert B. Dolan	6

Catheri

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Dolan

Home in 1900:	Wayne, Allen, Indiana
Age:	44
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1856
Birthplace:	Indiana
Relationship to head-of-house:	Daughter
Father's Name:	Edward
Mother's Name:	Mary
Race:	White
Occupation:	

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Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members:

Name	Age
Edward Dolan	69
Mary Dolan	63
Catherine Dolan	44
Edward A Dolan	36
Thress Dolan	30

Charles Dolan

Born: 1843
Somerset, Perry, Ohio, USA

Died: 21 Nov 1899
Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Ella A Koons

Born: 1853 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Died: 2 May 1848 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Marriage: 18 May 1875 View Info

Children	Sex	Birth
Agnes Cecilia Dolan	F	
Helen Catherine Dolan	F	
George Franklin Dolan	M	abt 1875
Mary Alice Dolan	F	abt 1876
Emma Dolan	F	6 Feb 1880
Albert Leo Dolan	M	6 Feb 1880
William Nicholas Dolan	M	26 Dec 1883
Elizabeth Rose Dolan	F	1893

Charles father was Charles Dolan and Catherine

Charles Dolan

Born: abt 1800
[illegible], [county], Pennsylvania, USA

Died: 4 Feb 1847
Perry, [county], Ohio, USA

Catherine Crow

Born: abt 1814

Died: 21 Mar 1902 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Marriage:

Children	Sex	Birth
Charles Dolan	M	1843 in Somerset, Perry, Ohio, USA

Ella A Koons

Born: 1853
Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Died: 2 May 1848
Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

George Koons

Born: 15 Mar 1820
Buehl, Wissenbourg, Alsace, France

Died: 22 May 1898
Waynedale, Allen, Indiana, USA

Harriett Richard

Born: 22 Oct 1828 in [illegible], [county] , Pennsylvania, USA

Died: 24 Mar 1874 in Fort Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Marriage: abt 1847 View Info

Children	Sex	Birth
Mary J Koons	F	1848 in Rush, Northumberland, Pennsylvania, USA
George W Koons	M	Feb 1851 in Rush, Northumberland, Pennsylvania, USA
Ella A Koons	F	1853 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA
William Henry Koons	M	24 Feb 1857 in Fort Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA
Elizabeth A Koons	F	1859 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA
Charles E Koons	M	1863 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA
Emma S Koons	F	abt 1866 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA
Irvin E Koons	M	1868 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA
Lida Mae Koons	F	1873 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Spouse 2

Eliza Ferguson

Born: 1842

Died: 1902

Marriage: 8 May 1878 View Info

Children	Sex	Birth
Olive H Koons	F	1881 in Ft Wayne, Allen, Indiana, USA

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 4/28/2009 2:07:28 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: carolbutzke@gmail.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com, .shirleyu@comcast.net

Good afternoon Betty and Shirley,
I am thankful to your historical website and others who are willing to share histories. I have a quilt that contains the names of Sewell, his wife Sallie, Melvin/Melville, William and a Carrie Parker. (Maybe William's wife as they are written together) There is a family connection to Huntertown, Allen Co. IN. through Sewell W. Parker and (Elisa) Jane Bentley Parker who married there June 26, 1848. Also included in the same block is the following: "Lucy A. Furth" Seattle, Mar. 1908" I know that Lucy was a Dunton also from Huntertown, Allen Co. IN. Do you have any information on where the connection is between these 2 families?

Your help is appreciated,
Carol Butzke
AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles
carolbutzke@gmail.com
262-242-4737

Sewell W. & Eliza Sewell P. m. Sallie Ann Thurston
Melvin
Wm. D.

Lucy Ann Dunton
b. about 1843
m. Jacob Furth
child:
Jane E. Furth
anna F. "
Sidonia "

Lucy daughter of
Ephram Howard (Dunton
& Parmelia Hooker)

Grandville Sherwood Dunton
& Sarah Caroline Parker
m 5-30-1860

Edgar H. Parker
m.
Lila U. Dunton
m. 2-1-1881

Sent E-Mail 5-5-09

Dear Betty,
Thanks for your prompt reply.

Attached is a close up picture of the signature block of which I spoke. When I get it off my camera, I will send a picture of the full quilt for your records.

I have also included what I was able to find on the internet. I believe, from the way the names are written on the signature block, that Carrie was William's wife and Luda/Lydia was Melville/Melvin's wife. Lydia was proven as wife through one of the geneaologys and also a census(maybe 1880 in CA) that I found but I don't have that paperwork in front of me. I have no idea who "Biggs" is. There is a lot on Jacob Furst including a big spread in Wipekia. I think there are a few new things her for you to add to your histories.

I bought this quilt from an E-Bay source a few years ago. The seller either either didn't have or wasn't willing to share its history. I asked.

Carol Butzke
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262-242-4737
Mequon, WI

Redwork and Martha Washington Star. Dated 1905 and 1908

Alternating redwork blocks with Martha Washington Star blocks on point. Setting triangles also contain redwork motifs. Many of the redwork motifs are of Kate Greenaway figures. Favorite blocks is of a elderly man with grandchildren and the following notation: □Foxy Grandpa.□ A signature block contains the names of the following: Mother, Sewell Parker, Sallie Parker, Wm. Parker, Carrie Parker, Melvin Parker, Luda Parker, Lucy A. Furth, Seattle, Mar. 1, 1908 and Biggs, Jan. 10, 190 in pencil with the 8 in the seam.
Top may have been completed as a quilt at a later time.
The Parker men are brothers. Their parents were Sewell W. Parker and (Eliza) Jane Bentley Parker who were married in Huntertown, Allen Co., IN. in 1848. (Melville) Melvin Parker was born 1851 in Indiana, William D. Parker, in 1858 and Sewell Pomroy Parker in 1867 were both born in CA. The names on the quilt listed below each of theirs is probably that of their wives. Sallie is proven through genealogy to be the wife of Sewell as is Luda (Lydia A.) as the wife of (Melville)Melvin. It is possible that the □mother□ listed on the quilt is Jane Parker. According to a sister-in-law□s diary, Sewell W. , his brothers and their families went to CA in 1855 for the gold rush. Sewell W. stayed as a blacksmith.
Lucy A (Dunten) Furth was born in 1843 in Huntertown, Allen Co., IN. In 1865, She married Jacob Furth who was an entrepreneur and became a well documented and respected historical figure in Seattle, WA. They had three daughters, Jane E., Anna F. and Sidonia. In 1884, Lucy founded Seattle□s first charity (along with Barbara Schwabacher) called the Ladies Relief Society now known as the Seattle Children□s Home. They are celebrating their 125th anniversary this year. (2009)
The following is from Tremper Holly Farm History of Yarrow Point Washington (Dec. 30, 2008):

> **1894 Jacob purchased a 22 acre plot on the southwest side of Yarrow Point and established himself and his family as regular summer visitors□ The Furths built a comfortable country home there to accommodate their family□s summer holiday needs and named it □Barnabee□ after a famous Shakespearean actor. Jacob□s wife Lucy loved to recite passages from plays and sonnets written by Shakespeare. A farm girl from Indiana, it was also she who had an orchard planted.**
> **In 1927, Sidonia Furth Wetherill, daughter of Jacob and Lucy, and her husband Army Colonel Wetherill took over the Furth estate. They had two daughters,**

Marjorie (married Hugh Baird) and Sidonia. Marjorie and Sidonia donated 16 acres of the land to what is now the Wetherill Nature Preserve on July 4, 1988. This is the result of one day□s research on the internet. So far the only connection between Lucy Furth and the Parkers is Huntertown, Indiana.

Sent with thanks

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 11/23/2008 3:20:44 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: jwwalt@worldnet.att.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hello,

Great Website! Although I grew up in Perry Twp. in the 30's and 40's, I never knew much about it's history. My folks bought the 40 acres diagonally across Coldwater Rd from the Pulver home in 1935, from Harry and Marie Pulver for $1950,and mom lived there until 1981.
Glad to see the Pulver home so well kept up, in the photo and found the Puver Family History most interesting. If you have any contact with Greg Shirk and he is interested, tell him I'd be glad to share family info, please.

Regards, Jack Walter
jwwalt@att.net

Thanks Jack, for your kind words about our website. Yes, I know the Pulver house site quite well as my husband and I lived just north on Old Auburn Road since 1965. Not sure which house might have been yours, but there is a big yellow house there, and then I remember the cement block or stone house that was also there for quite a while. I remember visiting that home when an elderly lady lived there in the 70's. Might that have been your mother??? I remember she had a house of antiques and lived rather simply. Seems like we took her some Christmas cookies or something at that time.

I don't have Greg's e-mail address in my book, but can get it and will also let him know about you. When I find his e-mail address will also send it to you. Have a great holiday season.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Re: Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 11/24/2008 9:59:52 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: jwwalt@att.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Thank you for your kind reply, Betty. Yes, the old cement block house was ours. I understood that Harry Pulver built it and their daughter, Jenny, was born there. It was pretty small so I guess that's why they moved to the big house across the road when their family began to grow.

Happy holidays to you and your family, too. Jack

From: "Judy" <jhelsel@bex.net>
Subject: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: August 28, 2008 10:15:07 PM EDT
To: <shirleyu@comcast.net>

Hello Shirley,
My gg granduncle was Fisher Curtice West of Huntertown. He married Columbia Wheeler in 1859 and following her passing in 1888, married Mary Ellen Warcup in 1889. Fisher died at his home in Perry Township, Allen County Apr.7th 1914.
From what genealogy information I've gathered on my family, Fisher was quite famous in and around Noble, Allen, and Deklab counties. His home is on the Historical list in Huntertown and Johnny Appleseed stayed at his home on West Rd.
I am inquiring if there may be any photos of the West family to be found?
My ggg grandparents, Fisher's parents, were Joseph and Joanna Smith West, who migrated from Onondaga County New York to Dekalb County, Butler Township in 1842-'44. I am directly descended from Fisher's brother Ira Allen West.
I have quite a bit of information to share if you'd be interested in my line.

Judy West Helsel
jhelsel@bex.net

From: "Judy" <jhelsel@bex.net>
To: <shirleyu@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Huntertown Historical Soc.
Date: Sat Oct 18 19:04:32 2008

Hi Shirley,
My apologizes for not getting back with you earlier. I've been ill for a few weeks and am just now getting back on my feet.
Do you have the information from the huntertownhistoricalsoc.org/families/West.htm? It is from the Valley of the Upper Maumee and Annals of the Townships, 1887 edition reprint by Brant and Fuller, Madison, Wisc. page 331.
There is also the marriage of Clara Nelson to Samuel Brown held at the Fisher West farm. Then added information as found in a letter dated June 2, 1968 and written by "Aunt Manilla May Nelson Bond.
Also an article from Sandy Seyfert, the owner of the West property.

I am surprised there are no photos of Fisher West.

If Fisher West was at the age of 15 when his family migrated here from New York, then they would have arrived around 1842. However, in the 1846 Petition for Dower, which Joanna West filed following the death of Joseph, her husband, Fisher is stated in the court record to be age 14 and a minor and having a Guardian, William McAnally and a man named Morris was the attorney for Fisher and Anna, August 12, 1846. Fisher would have had to be

18 or 19 in 1846. Fisher is gone from the Census by 1850, however, he is listed in the Sacramento, County, Sacramento, Ca. census of 1850 living with a Schwitzer family and is age 23, single, and born in New York.

From the Allen County Historical Society
Donated by Myrtelle Wheeler Molyneaus
The Smith/Allen/ West Bible
Births:
Joseph West b. July 3 1793
Betsy Allen b. Jan. 26. 1796
George Simeon West b. July 1, 1820
Joanna (Smith) West b. Dec. 14, 1801
Eliza Smith West b. Oct.22, 1825
Fisher Curtis West b.Sept. 17, 1827
Elizabeth Ann West b. June 23, 1832
Eytchie Cornelia West b. Mar. 27, 1836
Ira Allen West b. July 13, 1838
Lois Grace West b. July 6, 1840
Susan G. West b. 1844
Marriages:
Joseph West m. Betsy Allen Ma--18, 1819
Joseph West m. Joanna Smith Sept. 12, 1822
George S. West m. Hannah Surfas Oct.14, 1845
Eliza West m William Whetsel Jan 27, 1848
Eytchie West m. Commodore P. Wheeler Nov. 3, 1854
Elizabeth West m. Joseph Crates Mar. 28, 1858
Fisher West m. Columbia Wheeler Mar. 24, 1859
Ira West m Rosina Gillett Dec.1, 1863
Lois West m Peter Ditmars Jan. 6, 1870

All the children except George Simeon West were born in New York. George is of the marriage between Joseph and Betsy Allen. He was born in Canada. I've found nothing of his birth and nothing about Betsy Allen. I can only assume she died.
Also, if Joseph and Joanna arrived in Indiana in 1842, I would assume Susan was born in Indiana, however census all state, New York.
I will snail mail you a copy of Fisher's obit from the Auburn Courier, Apr. 13, 1914; a copy of the Dower suit of Joanna and a copy of a photo of my gg grandfather Ira Allen West, his wife Rosina, and some of his children and their spouses taken in 1890's.
Judy West Helsel

----- Original Message -----
From: <shirleyu@comcast.net>
To: <jhelsel@bex.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2008 10:31 AM
Subject: Huntertown Historical Soc.

> Dear Judy,
> We are much interested in what you have on the West family. Send it by
> e-mail or to my home.
> Mrs. Shirley Underwood
> 10617 Lantern Bay Cove
> Ft. Wayne, IN 46845
>
> Thanks! It is much appreciated.
> Shirley Underwood
>

Subj: **Re: Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 8/28/2008 3:30:02 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: shzou@maplenet.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,
Thanks for the information to reach Linda. Yes, my name is on the Bailey page of the website, as well as the names of my brother and cousins, but that is fine, since it is my Maiden name, Sherrie Bailey. My middle initial is L. Also, the page shows my brother's name as Andrew Marion Bailey, son of William B., but Andy's name is Andrew LeRoy Bailey. However, Andy never uses his middle name, only the initial, and also, my dad, William Bowser b 1909 never used the Bowser. He always went by William B.

Corrected -BF

If you ever get a chance to update this info on the Bailey page, that would be great.

Thanks again,
Sherrie Zou

---- Original Message ----
From: WFitch5413@aol.com
To: shzou@maplenet.net
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 2:18 PM
Subject: Re: Huntertown Historical Society

Hi Sherrie, thanks for contacting us. Yes, I will give you Linda Schlatter's address and phone number. I do not have an e-mail address for her though she may have one.

Her address is Linda Schlatter (Mrs. Ron Schlatter)
16707 Auburn Road
Huntertown, IN 46748

And her phone number is: 260-637-6278

This is a new address as they just moved a few weeks ago. She has done a lot of work on the Bailey family and would be glad to hear from you I am sure. She may know if any have joined the DAR. I don't know that anyone has mentioned that to us at HHS.

If I am reading my information correctly you are Sherrie, daughter of William Bowser Bailey, granddaughter of Marion Andrew Bailey, and great granddaughter of William Bowser Bailey. I normally like to keep all of the current information in our files, and keep it updated, but do not include the latest generations on the web site. Some don't care but others do not want to be listed so I stop at about 1920 births.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

It's only a deal if it's where *you* want to go. Find your travel deal **here**.

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 8/27/2008 11:17:57 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: shzou@maplenet.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,

I just came across your family information about Baileys in Huntertown and surrounding Allen County. My Great Grandfather was William Bowser Bailey, whose photo is shown at the end the Bailey page.

The info is referenced to Linda Shlatter. Is there a way I can contact her to get more information on the Baileys? Also, are there any Bailey relatives in Huntertown or Ft. Wayne who are DAR members.

I live in Elkhart IN

Thanks,
Sherrie

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 9/13/2008 4:53:49 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: aramsey@bresnan.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Betty Fitch
for
Huntertown Historical Society
of Huntertown, IN

Dear Ms. Fitch,

You probably don't remember me but, I contacted you a few years ago with some pictures from the HHS Class of 1945. You acknowledged receiving them but, they were evidently not of the nature you wanted at that time. I can certainly understand for I'm sure you receive a lot of pictures for your website. I have since moved to Casper, WY and you know how that goes ..... you find all kinds of things. I have a picture of the Eel River Township School (class) in 1911. This appeared in a Ft. Wayne newspaper on December 2, 1967. There are several familiar surnames which appear among the children listed . (Felger,Sordelett, Smith, Hyndman...) I have copied the picture to my computer and printed it for a friend ..... It copied and printed well. If you do not already have such a picture ..... and, would be interested in a copy .... I would be very glad to send one. I can try e-mail and if that doesn't work ..... there is always the "old fashion way".

Alice Ramsey
aramsey@breshan.net

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 9/26/2008 7:58:49 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: Me4you765
To: WFitch5413

Betty,
Just wanted to thank you for such an awesome site. I have been doing genealogy research for about 15 years now and recently my nieces asked me to do some research for them. I was thrilled to find this site. All of their ancestors lived in and around Perry Twp. Just wanted to say thank you so much for all the work that you and all the others who help do. Now I am not only able to give my nieces the word history but even have pictures.
Thank you so much
Jo Ann Moorefield

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Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 9/17/2008 1:18:26 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: vcellis@telus.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hi Betty,

My name is Vanessa Ellis. I live in Edmonton, Alberta and I'm working on my family tree. I traced one line back to Christian Schlatter, then discovered that there were many Christian Schlatters!!! I found the document, "DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTIAN SCHLATTER, SR. of Alsace-Lorraine, France" very helpful and wish to express my sincere thanks to your society for publishing this information. I did note a few errors as I read through the document at the following link
http://www.huntertownhistoricalsoc.org/families/Schlatter.htm :

The documnet lists that Christian Schlatter's second wife, Christina Frey died giving birth to the last child at the castle in Richwiller. This would put her date of death at March 16, 1797; however, her year of death is listed twice as 1832. It seems that the 1797 date is correct since Christian Sr. married Anna Maria Stucky Roth on Jan 28, 1798.

Also, near the beginning of the document it states, "CHRISTIAN SCHLATTER, Sr. born June 15, 1973 and died, February 6, 1829." The birht date should be June 15, 1743.

Thank you again for posting this valuable information!

Vanessa Ellis
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Checked Front page + it is correct.
Could find no errors.
Think she read Christina's dates
+ thought it was Christenas

Betty, I will send you a photo tonight when I get home from work and see if you can open it or view it. If so, I will send you some more.

My mother said my dad, Ken L. Johnson went to high school in Huntertown. My guess would be probably 1955-57 or thereabouts, although he did not graduate. I wonder if any of the yearbooks would have his Freshman, Sophomore Junior picture? His brothers would have all gone as well: Larry Lee, Fay A. and Rex Johnson
Kristi

Thank you Vanessa, for contacting us. Our information came from a local lady by the name of Linda Schlatter (married to a Schlatter) and she has been working on this family and a few others very diligently for the past couple of years. I will share your information with her. Have not taken the time to check the web site, but the one error is my fault and apparently my fingers did not hit the right keys! The other may be an error of mine also, but will check and correct this week sometime. This week is full of activity!!

Yes, seemed they named a lot of the Schlatters by the name of Christian. I hope you have found your line. Actually Linda Schlatter was by here about 2 weeks ago and gave me more information which appears to be something I may not have time to work on until the snow flies. I note it is titled "The scattered Progeny of Christian Schlatter (1743-1829) of Richwiller, Haut-Rhin, France, Part II: The Rest of the Family". The first part was"Part I - Patriarch and Firstborn Son".

I don't know if you might have these 2 sections on the family or not, but if not and are interested in them, or if interested in contacting Linda Schlatter, let me know and I can give you her address. I would guess that she would copy them for you and mail them if you would pay her costs. This may be a presumption on my part, but think she would do so. Both sections were written by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine and Joe Springer.

If we can help any further, let us know and thanks again for your imput.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 6/28/2006 6:52:29 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: Dpdahrens
To: WFitch5413

Betty,

My son who is a Marine and lives in Alabama sent me a copy of the partial History of DeKalb County on the John Surfus Family. I was thrilled to get this info. I have some of it but I did not have the story about the "coon" and some of the obits. Thank you for puting this together and sharing it.

I have been researching the Surfus family for many years. My wife, Dorothy is a Surfus being the Great Grand-daughter of Isaac Delong Surfus.

Isaac and family left Indianna and traveled by wagon train on the Oregon Trail to Estacada, Oregon (where my wife and I live). This was in 1883. We have a copy of the diary of the trip to Oregon. I would be willing to share a copy of this diary or any other information I have on the Surfus family.

Please let me know if any of this sounds interesting to you.

Sincerely, Dennis Dahrens and Dolly (Surfus) Dahrens.

Subj: **Re: Surfus family and Huntertown His Soc**
Date: 1/31/2007 11:50:48 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: Dpdahrens
To: WFitch5413

Dear Betty,

I will get together the information I have and send it to you. It may take me a couple weeks as I have a pretty busy schedule right now.

Reading your e-mail, I wonder why after being retired for 10 years, I seem to be busier than I was when I was working. Sounds like you are that way also.

I will send you a copy of the diary as well as info on the connection between the Fair and Surfus families. I will also send you the info I have from Isaac Delong down to my wife Dorothy.

There will be no charge for anything. I am happy to share the information with you.

Sincerely, Dennis Dahrens & Doroth (Surfus) Dahrens

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 1/16/2009 1:26:29 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: mfthibodeau@acsalaska.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Hello, I was just doing some research on my mother's family and came across your website. Her maiden name is Bobay, and I noticed that her part of the family tree is incomplete. I would be happy to send you some information about our part of the family tree if it would be helpful.

I am going to be going to France this summer and will be doing some family research there. I appreciate what you have already regarding the Bobays. It will certainly make my trip more interesting.

verizon

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Subject **Heffelfinger/Hollopeter photos on Historical Society Site**
From: **CrisMarie Williams <rwilliams582@mchsi.com>**
Sent: **Jul 1, 2009 09:03:10 PM**
To: **WFitch5413@verizon.net**
Reply-To: **crisw@email.com**

Wow! I am so excited I found pictures of my Heffelfinger/Hollopeter relatives on your site! Would I be allowed to put copies of them on my ancestry site?

Thanks!

Cris Williams

I wrote & Shirley contacted her by e-mail

I told her "yes". Shirley will give her names, etc.

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 6/27/2009 3:51:15 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: footeengrg@mindspring.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Attached are two pictures of the Clarence Clyde Foote Family who lived in Huntertown on Lima Road.

They owned the O'Day gas station and lived next door. The Standard Oil Co. purchased the station and the front part of the property and relocated the home that now faces Heiber St.

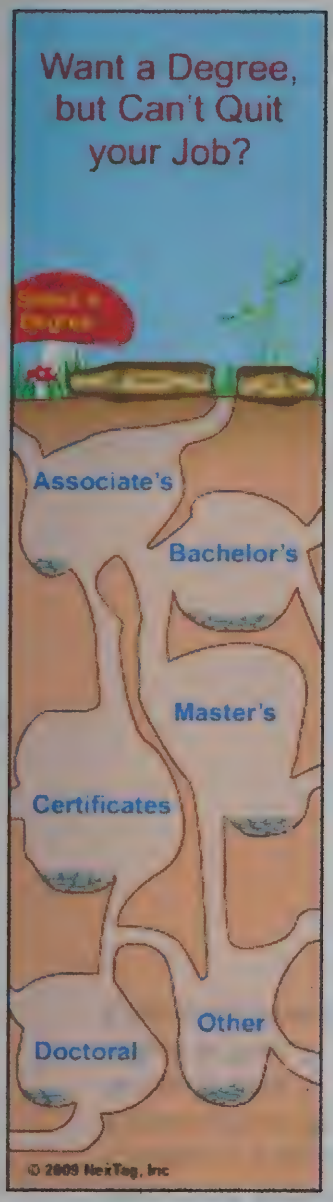
The first picture was taken after the christening of Anna Marie Foote in July 1917. Anna taught First Grade at Huntertown school for 41 years. Left to right, Willard Joseph, Morton Alfred, Clarence Herbert, Helen Catherine, Lawrence Edward, Mabel Margaret and Anna Marie being held by Mother, Catherine Margaret Bowser Foote. Lawrence E. first taught in a one room school house west of Huntertown, principal of Harlan School and then later, Superintendent of Allen County Schools. He was one of those responsible for the consolidation of Allen County school system.

The second is from The News - Sentinel, Saturday Roto Section (April 11, 1970).

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 6/27/2009 2:23:19 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: footeengrg@mindspring.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com

Could you tell me where the big rock has gone. My Dad's (Herbert C. Foote) grad class of 1927 placed it in front of the Huntertown School and the last time I visited Huntertown, it was not there. I always thought it was quite a Landmark and sure was disappointed not seeing it.

Willard J Foot
[Willard J Foote]
Age in 1910: 5
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1905
Birthplace: Indiana
Relation to Head of House: Son
Father's Name: Clarence C
Father's Birth Place: Indiana
Mother's Name: Catharine
Mother's Birth Place: Indiana
Home in 1910: Washington, Allen, Indiana
Marital Status: Single
Race: White
Gender: Male
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
Clarence C Foot 29
Catharine Foot 28
Willard J Foot 5
Alfred M Foot 3
Clarence H Foot 1 3/12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Louis + Alvina

dau? CLARA D. Greenwell

wife Perry C.

1931	1931
1877	63
54	1868

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Badiac - Cem. on website
Charles W. Badiac - my info - used some for website
DeBolt photo used on cook book - my info
Desc. of John Henry Rinehold - on web
Desc. of Thomas L. Badiac - with Badiac family - on web.
Dunten - Another Summary - on website
Forrest Gump - by Marlow Gump - on website
Harold L. McComb - on Web under McComb
Heffelfinger, Barny and Mary on web under Heff.
Huntertown boys basketball 2 on web under Schools
Huntertown boys basketball on web " "
Huntertown History on web under local histories
Hollopeter, Israel and Jemima - seems to be a Repeat of what is already on
Keith L. McComb - on web under McComb
Kell from Northwest News on web under Kell
Myers from Max Myers — Max's e-mail - on web
North West Allen Co. Schools - Then & Now - maybe later
Old Center School Memories - poem
Old Center School - Repeat
Perry grads - 1905 on web under McComb
Richard Stanley McComb -

1880

Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Louis SCHUELKE	Self	M	Male	W	32	PRUSSIA	Upholsterer	GER	GER
Amelia SCHUELKE	Wife	M	Female	W	34	DRESSDEN	Keeping House	GER	GER
Herman SCHUELKE	Son	S	Male	W	9	CT	At School	GER	GER
Amelia SCHUELKE	Dau	S	Female	W	8	CT	At School	GER	GER
Henry SCHUELKE	Son	S	Male	W	6	CT	At School	GER	GER
Fredy SCHUELKE	Son	S	Male	W	5	CT		GER	GER
Louie SCHUELKE	Son	S	Male	W	3	CT		---	---
Mary SCHUELKE	Dau	S	Female	W	1	CT		---	---

Prob. not parents of Henriette Louise

Source Information:
Census Place New Haven, New Haven, Connecticut
Family History Library Film 1254105
NA Film Number T9-0105

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Louis Schullke
[Louis Schuelke]
Home in 1920: Fort Wayne Ward 10, Allen, Indiana
Age: 57 years
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1863
Birthplace: Germany
Relation to Head of House: Head
Spouse's Name: Alvina
Father's Birth Place: Germany
Mother's Birth Place: Germany
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Sex: Male
Home owned: Own
Year of Immigration: 1888
Able to read: Yes
Able to Write: Yes
Image: 1052
Neighbors: View others on page
Household Members: Name Age
Louis Schullke 57
Alvina Schullke 56
Henry Schullke 23
George Schullke 18
Herman Schullke 16
Chester Schullke 7
Herman R Klotz 58

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 2/21/2006 8:30:36 AM US Eastern Standard Time
From: LSansevero@msn.com
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello,

I was reading, with interest, the information you have for the Shoaff family. David Shoaff married Mary (Polly) Mendenhall - his sister Fianna Shoaff married John Mendenhall, brother of Mary. Fianna and John were my g-g-g grandparents, and lived in Swan township, Noble county. I am curious if you have additional information on the Shoaff family, or could put me in touch with other researchers.

Thank you,
Donna Sansevero

John Shoaff

Hello Donna,

So good to hear from you and to know there are more descendants of the Shoaff family of Huntertown. What you have told me about Fianna is new to me. It may be that some in the area have more about the family, but have not shared it with us.

I hope you did find our article on "Misc Articles" on the Shoaff home. If not check that one out. I asked one of the local folks who had lived in the Shoaff home if they could give me any more information. However, I never heard anything from them at all. We have a meeting tomorrow night of the Huntertown Historical Society and I will ask who might be the best person for you to contact. Some of the other ladies know a great deal about the descendants and the living folks of the area who might be the best for you to contact. I will get back with you after the meeting. Though my husband's family has lived in this area for a long, long time we tend to know more about those of the eastern part of Perry Township and some of the other ladies have had more contact with the current residents of the western section as well as Eel River Township. So I will check with them on who would be the best contact for you.

Most of our information comes from the local families and then I try to add burial places and census reports so I would appreciate it if you could give me the information on your ggg grandparents, Fianna Shoaff and John Mendenhall. Or if you perhaps have any idea how many others were in the Shoaff family. So far all I can be sure of were David and John P. (and now Fianna - what a lovely name!) If you have dates on Fianna and John, those would be appreciated, as well as marriage dates, places they lived, their children and right down to you if you would share with us. And what about the next generation back? I often try to go to Ancestry.com for some of my answers, but with a whole 2 townships, there are not enough hours in the day.

Just noticed in my notes that I do have the parents of Polly Mendenhall as Joseph Mendenhall and Deidama Hill. Is this correct??

Thanks so much for contacting us. I will get back with you when I can find a good Shoaf family member or researcher. Please share what you have found. Did the rest of the Mendenhall family stay in Miami Co., Ohio??? Or did some of them come to Indiana too. I have a real interest in Noble County also. My husband and I lived there for many years and his family home was in the southern part of DeKalb Co. We also lived in LaOtto for 2 years and in Avilla for several years where we had a TV retail and repair store so got acquainted with many people of Noble county.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Hist. Soc.

Subj: **Surfus info**
Date: 7/26/2005 2:42:19 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: johnimler@sbcglobal.net
To: wfitch5413@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Betty,
Great apologies for receiving your much appreciated notes on the Surfus Family...and then my dropping out of existence! And I can't correct that even now as I finally write. See, I'm neck-deep in a family reunion scheduled for this weekend. (No, not the Surfuses but the other side of the family.) I do, though, have some info I'll be happy to share with you. Hopefully the weather will turn more reasonable--before November!--, I'll pull off this weekend's work, I'll catch up on all I've let slide, and then I'll get back with you.
Till then.
John Imler

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 7/12/2005 8:44:51 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: r.jackson@comcast.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
File: **methodistParsonage.jpg** (117365 bytes) DL Time (24000 bps): < 1 minute
Sent from the Internet (Details)

This unidentified photo from page four of the archives was the Methodist Church parsonage. The house was located immediately north of the church and was built in 1904. It was torn down in the late 60's when a new parsonage was built next door. My father was paster of the Huntertown Methodist Church from 1960 to 1964. I have very much enjoyed your site. Robb Jackson

Hello Robb,

Thank you so much for your comments about our website. We hope to be able to make improvements and add items to the website all the time. One of the improvements that is badly needed is to name the photos that we have on some of the pages. Shirley has all the photos on her computer at her home and has had quite a lot of difficulty with it. All this computer lingo is rather new to us oldsters and we don't have all the bugs worked out as yet! A couple of crashes have put her in trouble.

I take care of the text part of the web page and Shirley has the photos. One of our projects after our Huntertown Heritage Days are over is to try to get the titles under all of our pictures. HH Days are the 5th and 6th of August this year. We do put up a display of old pictures each year and this year we will be having current members of the old families marching in the parade, and a short tour of a few of the old houses with some crafts and music in the yards. If you are anywhere close you might stop in. We usually have our display in the elementary school.

Thank you for identifying the house and apparently you may have lived there in 1960 to 1964? I am sure that Shirley may have the information on the church and its pastors and the parsonage, and even your family, but so far it has not been given to me. It would be something I would like to put in with the other churches. I am sure she has the history; I just have not seen it yet. There is yet so much history out there that we need to gather and publish.

I believe she must have known this was the parsonage as when you put the mouse on the picture, our title for it shows up at the bottom of your page, telling you what we named that file. This one was identified as the Methodist Parsonage.

I checked through my e-mails and did not find any other from you so assume this is the first time you have responded?? Though Shirley may know, I would appreciate having a little background and maybe some stories about your experience or your fathers while he was pastor of the church. Are you of the local Jackson family??
If so tell me where there is a connection.

Do appreciate hearing from you, and hope we can soon get our photo pages in good order. But probably not until after August and Heritage Days.

Betty Fitch

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 5/3/2005 8:02:59 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: shnoland1@cox.net
To: WFitch5413@aol.com
File: **sundaydinner3-1.jpg** (216087 bytes) DL Time (26400 bps): < 2 minutes
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Our church - Community Christian Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana - is putting together a cook book. I designed the front cover of it using a photo (the DeBolt family dinner) from your website. I am attaching what I have designed. This e-mail is to ask permission for the use of this photo on cook books that will be sold. We are willing to send you a complimentary copy of the cook book when they are finished. Please respond as soon as possible.

–B.J. Hill

Hello,

I talked to our president and, yes, we do give you permission to use our DeBolt family picture for the front of your cook book. Her only comment was that we would like to have a copy of your cook book for our files and then she added that we should probably have a copy for our DeBolt family. Sounds like a good idea.

How did you happen to find our website?? Or are you from one of our local families?? Doesn't matter, but we always like to keep track of our local families and know where they migrate to. And glad you found our website.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

P.S. Our home addresses are on our home page.

Subj: **Huntertown Historical Society**
Date: 3/28/2005 1:41:56 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: Supershot@cs.com
To: WFitch5413

Betty,

Hello, my name is Nannette Gray. My daughter Ashley is a first grade student at Huntertown Elementary School. The whole school is doing a "Curriculum Convention" and the first graders have to do some sort of report on local history. Ashley has chosen to report on how our road, Greenwell was named. I went to the Town Hall and there was an article that mentioned Dr. Frank Greenwell and through a google search which came up with an article about Freedona Smith I was led to this website. Who knew Huntertown had a Historical Society?!?!? Any information or pictures you have that I could copy would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
Nannette Gray
7101 Greenwell Rd
Huntertown
693-6163

Mary Jane Greenwell.....wife.....female, 31.....Keeping house.....born IN
Father born England, Mother born MA

Nellie McKinley.....other.....female, 19.....Servant.....born IN
Both parents born PA

I do know from the DeKalb County History that Dr. Franklin Greenwell of Huntertown made his way to Auburn to treat some of the people there. I believe there was some kind of epidemic at the time.

Of the pictures we have the following on the website:

Page 2 .....Dr. Greenwell's home in Huntertown
Page 2.....Dr. Greenwell's obit
Page 5.....2 men standing in front of a house and the man on the left is Dr. Greenwell

Though this last picture isn't labeled on the website page, if you put the mouse on the photo you will find at the bottom of your screen that it is identified as Dr. Greenwell from our file name.

If you have problems printing the pictures from the website you will probably have to contact Shirley Underwood as it is her computer that has all of the photos which she scanned in. Or she would know if it is a photo in our possession. Many of our photos do not belong to us but we have been able to scan them into her computer to use. Then they go back to the original owner. My part in the web site is the text, stories, family histories, but Shirley takes care of the photos.

I am sorry that I don't have more info to give but we do rely on the people of the community to send in their family histories and I think it will happen. I hope Ashley's project goes well. If I can help in any other way, let me know. If for some reason you do not hear from Shirley then get back with me and I will see what I can do about attaching the photos to an e-mail. They usually print well from the website though if you have the printer to do so.

Thanks for contacting us.

Betty Fitch, Huntertown Historical Society

Notes
DR. FRANKLIN GREENWELL, Obituary from the Journal Gazette

GREENWELL FUNERAL PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Funeral Services for DR. FRANKLIN GREENWELL, the oldest practicing physician in Allen County, who died at his home in Huntertown Saturday morning, will be held in Huntertown Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be in charge of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and REV. ARTHUR J. FOLSOM, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, and REV. ROBERT LITTLE, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Huntertown Cemetery.

The services were delayed because of the uncertainty of the arrival of L. C. HUNTER, formerly of Fort Wayne, now a resident of Los Angeles, who is returning to Huntertown to attend the funeral services of his uncle. Word was received last evening from Mr. Hunter, stating that he will arrive in Huntertown this evening.

Dr. Greenwell's widow, MRS. MARY JANE GREENWELL, was a daughter of MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HUNTER, the settlement now known as Huntertown having been named after her father. Besides the widow, one daughter, one granddaughter and the nephew L. C. Hunter, two brothers, L. C. GREENWELL and G. W. GREENWELL, both residing in Perry Township also survive.

Dr. Greenwell was the first president of the Allen County Fair Association and was a member of that enterprise his entire life. He was also president of the Huntertown Bank for many years.

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There was possibly a son by the name of Franklin H. Greenwell. There was a burial in 1879 on the same Lot as the Dr. and Mary Greenwell, #366A.

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1910 Census of Allen Co., IN, shows a Franklin Greenwell, in index and as follows:

Franklin Greenwell.....59.....born IN.....lives Perry Twp.....ED 19/ page 15B
Indicates 1851 birthdate

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HUNTERTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting
September 22, 2016
Held at Huntertown Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Members present: Shirley Underwood, Betty Fitch, Jenny McComb , Marsha Myers, and Shirley Meighen

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Shirley Underwood and seconded by Betty Fitch

Treasurer's Report: a check for $89.48 was paid to Linda Schlatter. Deposit of $69.00 from the Festival. Balance is $3897.69. Motion to approve by Shirley Meighen and seconded by Shirley Underwood.

Old business: Marsha found some names for the photo album. She did go through the album and record the names that were on the pictures and will type the list.

The Bicentennial Torch will be in Allen Co. on Saturday, October 1. Jenny will reserve the Third Place at new 3 and Cedar Canyon Road as a stopping point. It will probably be arriving around 2:15. Hope to have a lot of people to wave flags and cheer as the caravan makes a short stop.

New business: Discussion concerning fund raisers brought ideas of organizing a community meal of an entre of either chicken or fish with two sides and a drink. Also, a breakfast of sausage and pancakes and drink served before the parade on Saturday of the festival. Also, sell or furnish water or drinks to the viewers along the parade route.

Meeting adjourned 8:00.

Next meeting is ~~September 22~~ October 27, 2016
Respectfully submitted, Shirley Meighen, secretary

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Hunter town Historical Society
Board Meeting
Town Hall
October 27, 2016

Members Present _____

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Call to order Shirley Underwood

Minutes - Shirley Meighen: Approved : _____ 2nd :_____

Treasurer's Report : Jenny McComb: Approved: _____2nd _____
Add $500 to last Months Total _____

Old Business:

1. Storage of equipment.

2. Ideas for the coming year.
   A.
   B.
   C. Others

New Business:

Next Meeting: January 26, 2017

Dismiss: 8: 00 P.M.

Shirley Underwood

Bookmarks

Ornaments

Penny jars

Vets C. War - Festival

Dottie Mack

Paintings

Silent Auction